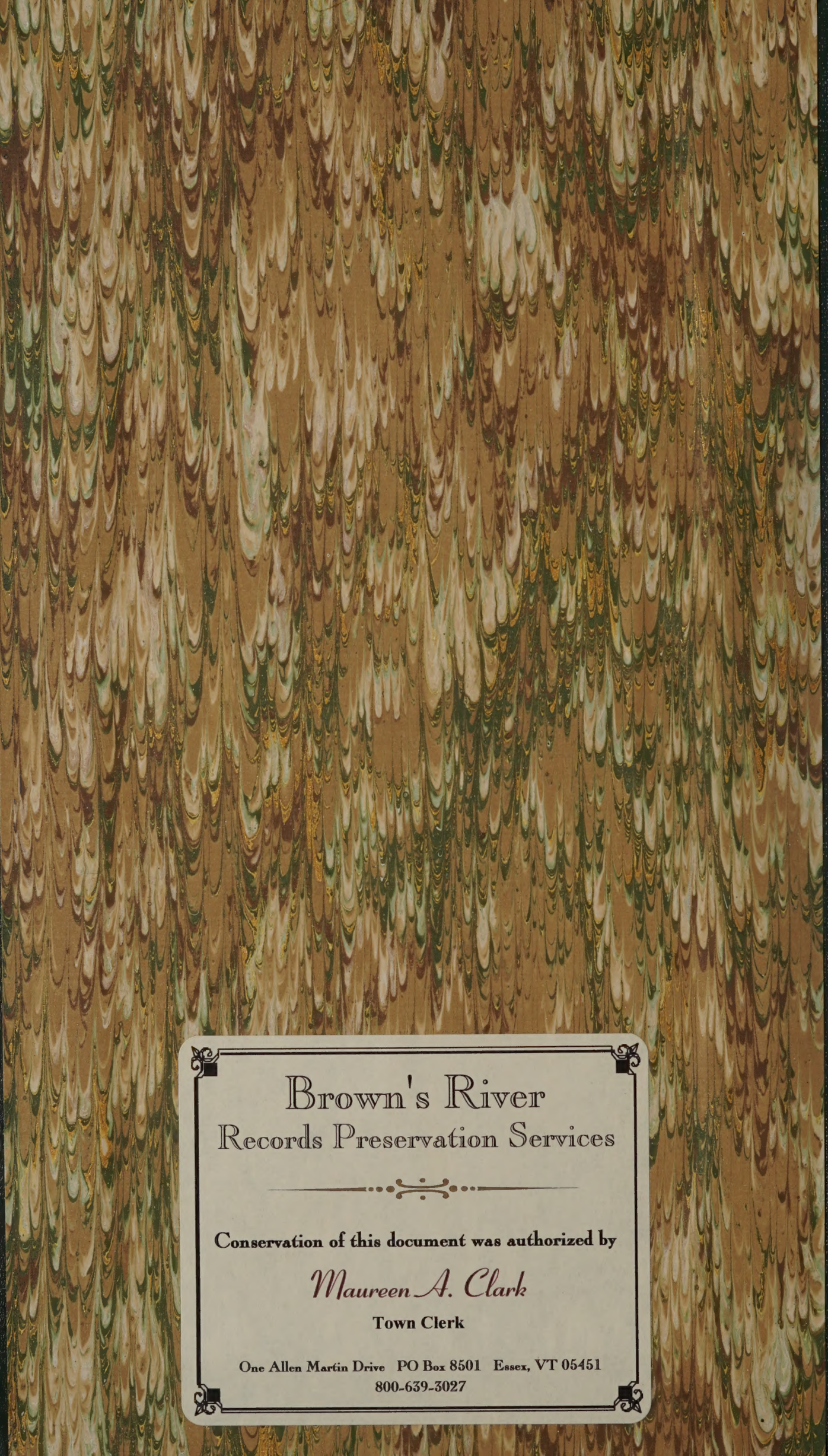

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, . — . — . — . Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the twenty ninth day of January current at 2. O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit: —

Art: 1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting, — .

" 2d. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money or act thereon, — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville, and Saunders village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting, — . — .

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, — . — .

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright
A. M. Bigelow
} Select-Men of Grafton,

Worcester ss. January 29th. 1849.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant, Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A Correct Copy of warrant and return made thereon, Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

1.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 29th. Day of January A. D. 1849. the following proceedings were had, to wit: — — — — — — —

Art. 1st By Ballot chose Luke Leland Moderator of the Meeting, —

Art. 2d. Voted that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of six thousand and seven hundred Dollars at the Institution for savings in the City of Worcester, for which he shall give his note as Treasurer of the Town of Grafton promising payment of said sum and six per cent interest annually, — — —

Voted Also that with said sum he shall pay William Rice Two thousand dollars immediately, and Moses Stockwell Twelve hundred dollars, Savings Institution at Boston Ten hundred dollars, and balance for the Town Farm Twenty five hundred dollars, on the first of April next, —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved, —

Attest,

Carlos Benton. Town Clerk, —

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, — Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March next at, 9. o'clock A. M, to act on the following articles; to wit; —

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, — —

" 2d. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer, —

" 3d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, —

" 4th, To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon,

" 5th. To determine the Manner of repairing the highways-townways and Bridges within said town the year ensuing and fix the compensation for Labor employed thereon, — — —

Art. 6th. To raise such Sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the year ensuing and make appropriations of the same, — . — .

Art. 7th. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, —

Art. 8th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead, — .

Art. 9th. To hear the report of the General School Committee and act thereon, — . — .

Art. 10th To hear the report of the overseers of the poor and act thereon, — . — .

Art. 11th To hear the report of the Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" and act thereon, — . —

Art. 12th. To see if the town will authorize the several prudential Committee-men to employ the School Teacher in their respective Districts, or act thereon, — .

Art. 13th. To see if the town will make a new division of the School Money or act thereon, — .

Art. 14th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M. and 9. P. M. — . —

Art 15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money or act thereon, — . —

Art. 16th See if the town will cause their Powder-house to be removed from off the land of J. D. Wheeler or act thereon, —

Art. 17th. hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon, — . — .

Art 18th. To accept Town Debts, — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Harmonyville, and Saunders Village. To stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting — . — . —

2. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. — . — .

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, —

Esek Saunders, John W. Slocomb, Luther Wright, A. M. Bigelow } Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

Grafton March 5th. 1849. —

I have served this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. — Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A correct Copy of warrant and return made thereon,

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on the fifth day of March A. D. 1849, being the first Monday of said Month, the following proceedings were had; to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Otis Adams, Moderator of the Meting,

Art. 2d. For County Treasurer. Anthony Chase had Two hundred thirty four votes, — . — .

Art. 3d. By Ballot Chose, Abraham M. Bigelow
" " " Joseph Batchelder
" " " John Waterman
" " " Jonathan W. Stow
" " " Gilbert C. Taft } Select-men. all of which come forward and were sworn March 5th. 1849. By Otis Adams, Moderator,

By Ballot Chose Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, who was also sworn March 5th. 1849. By Otis Adams. Moderator, of the Meeting, —

voted to take up the fourth article and act thereon, —

Art. 4th. To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton,

The Selectmen of the town of Grafton, in the completion of their official duties for the year, submit a statement of the condition of the town, and ask leave to report as follows, —

They have settled with Jonathan Warren Esqr. Treasurer of said town, and his account is as follows, — . —

			Dr.
1848			
March 2d	To balance in Treasurer and collectors hands		$. 4830.08
" "	" Amt. of interest rec'd, E. Singletary note	.	60.00
April 8th	" Amt rec'd, of Moses Stockwell,	.	1200.00
May 18th.	" received of Luke Leland as Chairman of Committee to sell Poor Farm.	.	1050.00
Nov. 9th	" received of Luke Leland as Chairman of same Committee,	.	30.23
" "	" received State School fund	.	146.19
" "	" received for support State Paupers	.	41.91
1849 Feb'y	1st. " received of Worcester County Institution for savings on town's Note.		2000.00
" "	" Licences on Dogs	.	27.00
" "	" received town and County taxes for 1848. — . —		8535.33
			$. 17920.74

				Cr.
1848. April	1st.			
		To Cash pd interest on town Note at Boston, — .	$.	60.00
May	30.	" Cash pd interest on town note R. F. Chase Sutton, —		72.00
"	12th	" Cash pd interest on town note to Abigail Russell Sutton, —		60.00
Nov.	9th	" Cash pd Luke Leland Chairman of Committee to sell Poor Farm, interest on ten hundred and fifty Dollars — .		30.10
1849 Feb'y	1st.	To Cash pd. William Rice, interest on note,		140.67 $. 362.77
1848 Nov.	9th.	" Cash pd, Luke Leland Chairman to sell and purchase Poor Farm.		1050.
1849. Feb'y	1st	" Cash pd William Rice Town Note, . — .		2000.00

Feby.	1st. 1849.	To Cash pd. expenses for Town Standard, Balance, weights, and Measures,	$ 13.82	13.82
"	" "	" Cash pd. for making County road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester,	4235.62	
"	" "	" Cash pd. Stone Bridge on sa. road,	670.00	
"	" "	" Cash pd. Com. for services rendered in letting and overseeing the building of said road,	30.00	4935.62
"	" "	To Cash pd. for making County road across Grafton Town Common,		347.73
"	" "	" Cash pd for making Town road leading from Keith-hill to Farnum's Ville,	631.80	
"	" "	" Cash pd land damages to Adolphus Fowler,	15.72	
"	" "	" Cash pd. land damages to Sarah Bassett,	13.00	
"	" "	" Cash pd. Committee for letting and overseeing said road.	15.00	675.52
"	" "	" Cash pd. for making road leading from H. H. W. Sigourney's to Wheeler Bridge,		312.75
"	" "	" Cash pd. for making road near the Boston and Worcester Rail-road,	178.11	
"	" "	" Cash pd land damages to Abner Harlow,	30.00	208.11
"	" "	" Cash pd. for repairing road leading from Grafton to Upton near the House of Jolen Dunn,	161.38	161.38
"	" "	" Cash pd. Making watering place and repairing road at the crossing near the Elm trees below the Burying ground		69.90
"	" "	" Cash pd. for labor on road near the house of H. L. P. Bigelow up.		18.00

Feb 7	1st	To	Cash pd for Labor on Causeway between Fishers ville and Farmum Ville		115.00
"	"	"	Cash pd, breaking out Roads in 1848.		122.98
"	"	"	Cash pd, for Common Schools.	2149.03	
		"	Cash pd. General School Committee for serving in 1847.	73.26	2222.49
"	"	"	Cash pd. Overseers of the Poor	900.00	
		"	Cash pd. Overseers Services 1847.	30.00	930.00
"	"	"	Cash pd. Committee for repairing buildings on Town farm,		200.00
"	"	"	Cash pd, Sexton's bills, Burying the Dead		156.25
"	"	"	Cash pd for building Hearse-house, Hearse Bier and Harness &c, at N. E. Ville.		339.15
"	"	"	Assessors order for abatement on Taxes 1843 & 1845 to Sumner Dunsmore,		122.51
"	"	"	Amt. pd. Sumner Dunsmore for Discount, & Collecting taxes, 1843 & 1845,		127.06
"	"	"	Assessors order for abatement on Taxes to E. B. Bigelow 1846.		58.81
"	"	"	Amt, pd. E. B. Bigelow for discount & collecting taxes 1846 & 1847.		280.60
"	"	"	Assessors order for abatement on taxes to Winthrop Faulkner, 1848.		30.50
"	"	"	Discount and Collecting taxes 1848,		841.12
"	"	"	Assessors order for abatements of Taxes to sundry individuals,		24.79
"	"	"	Cash pd. Sam. Wood for making taxes		24.40
"	"	"	Cash pd. Charles Prentice for making Taxes and recording Births & Deaths &c,		88.39
"	"	"	Cash pd. County order,		954.21
					$ 2552.69

Continued over,

Febr. 1st	To Cash pd. James Kimball for ringing Bell at 12. noon and 9. o'clock P.M. 1847. —	25.00
" "	" Cash pd. Doctors vaccinating seven hundred and ninety four persons, — . —	198.50
" "	" Sundry amts, — . — , " —	110.22
March. 2d. 1849	Amt, in the hands of Treasurer and Collectors carried to New a/c, — .	808.06
		$.17920.74

Resources of the Town,

1849.

March. 2d	To balance in Treasurer and Collectors hands Brot. to new account, —	$. 808.06
" "	" School fund interest to be applied for schooling,	1000.00
" "	" A Farm and buildings thereon cost.	3800.00
	Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming tools Provisions House-hold furniture &c. as Valued by the Overseers of the Poor March 2d. 1849.	1036.60
	25 acres of wood Land as appraised by the overseers of Poor March 2d. 1849.	800.00
		$. 7444.06

Liabilities of the Town,

March 2	A Note due the Provident Institution for savings at Boston, —	$. 1000.00
	Widow Abigail Russell, Sutton, — .	1000.00
	R. F. Chase, Sutton, — . —	1200.00
	Worcester Co. Savgs. Inst. — .	2000.00
	Joseph Bassett . — . .	2500.00
	Moses Stockwell Grafton .	1200.00
		$. 8900.00
	Leaving a balance against the Town	$. 1444.06

All of which is respectfully submitted, —

Grafton March 5th. 1849.—

Esek Saunders
A. F. Smith
John W. Slocomb
Luther Wright,
A. M. Bigelow

Selectmen of Grafton,

voted to take up the tenth Article and act thereon, —

Art. 10th. Voted to accept the report made by the Overseers of the Poor, which is in the following words and figures, — .

The Overseers of the Poor present the following Report to the town,

Expence of supporting Paupers on the town farm past year, —

Interest on 24 acres wood land, —		$. 50.00
Agents Salary, — — . —		275.00
Contingent Expences incured at poor Establishment including board and clothing Nursing &c. of the inmates of Establishment, —		239.91
Physicians bill for Medical attendance & Medicine,		27.95
Expences of Stock &c. purchased, — . —		379.00
" Hay, Straw &c. purchased with new farm, —		200.00
Total —		$. 1171.86

Amount of Produce &c. sold. . —	$. 181,78
" of Stock sold off farm. —	253,69
Balance of inventory above last year, —	192.79
Due from State Treasury for State Paupers,	36.61
	$. 664.87

Leaving Balance for supporting Paupers at Establishment, — . — .		506.99
Whole number supported on Farm . — during past year, — . — 17 —		
Number of weeks Board , — 322 —		
Average cost per week including interest on wood land Boarding, clothing, Nursing, Physicians Bills for inmates $1.57		
Expence of supporting Paupers off of Poor Establishment past year Whole Number supported or relieved — 5.		
For Sally Phillips . — . — .	$. 26.41	
" Clark Brown . . — . —	40.50	
" Lucian Stone . — .	45.50	
" Deborah Warren . — .	23.00	
" Charles N. Sherman, — ,	19.50	154.91
Cost of supporting Lunatics past year, paid City of Boston for support of Rufus St. Johnson at State Lunatic Asylum at Worcester from Nov 30th 1847 to Nov. 30th. 1848. — — . —		122.97

Out standing Debts. — $509.12
Debts due, — about, — 120.00
Necessary draft upon the Treasury 400.00

The board of overseers entered on the discharge of their duties as Guardians of the Poor with flatter= ing prospects of being able to considerably to reduce the expence of supporting those persons whom mis= fortune or disease have thrown upon the Hospi= talities of the . Having had some Experience in their duty and made as they believe such preparation as would warrant that expectation. — Soon however the town disposed of the farm, reserving only the privilege of occupying the house for one year, Thus leaving the overseers to provide as best they could for the wants of the inmates. — .

Partial supplies have been obtained by carrying on some portions of the old farm upon shares,

The past year has been one of unusual sickness, and mortality among the inmates, —

A young woman of foreign Birth was stricken down with a very distressing sickness of five or six weeks continuance which together with the feeble and helpless condition of several of the family required so much of the attention and time of the agent that he had but little opportunity to perform out door labor, besides considerable additional expence, of nursing, and Medical attendance, —

Four of the Elderly People, viz; — Samuel Green, Ebenezer Burrill & Wife. and Lubee Brooks, have died during the past year,

Being frustrated in our plans of operation by the sale of the farm thus obliged to carry on such portions of it as we could obtain at the halves, when the whole has not been sufficient in past years to produce the necessaries of life for so large a family, with the additional expence of removing all the effects &c. that belong to such an establishment to the one recently purchased by the town, — . —

It would seem that the amounts of the expense of the past year is as favorable as could reasonably be expected, —.—

Owing the fact that the number of weeks board is much smaller than usual (the Agents Salary remaining the same) the average COST pr. week is considerably larger than that of the preceding year while the aggregate of expense is smaller, —

In regard to support of Paupers off of the Establishment during past year we have been much more fortunate it being about forty five pr. cent less, —.

All of which is respectfully Submitted,
Grafton March 2d, 1849. —

Oliver M. Brigham
Lewis Holbrook, — } Overseers of the
Charles Goddard, } Poor of
Grafton,

Voted to take up the third Article and act thereon,
Art. 3d voted to Choose a Town Treasurer, —

By Ballot Chose Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer.
Who come forward and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty March 16. 1849. By C. Prentice Town Clerk,

voted to have three Overseers of the Poor the year ensuing, —

By Ballot Chose Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Goddard
Lewis Holbrook } Overseers of the Poor,

voted to have three assessors the ensuing year,
By Ballot Chose, Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Prentice
Samuel Wood } Excused Assessors,

Sworn March 16. 1849 by Oliver M. Brigham Just. Peace attst. C. Prentice T. Clerk.

Sworn May 22. 1849 by C. Prentice Town Clerk,

voted to take up the ninth article and act thereon,
Art. 9th voted to accept the report of the General School Committee which is placed on file. — . —— . —— . ——
voted to adopt the report of the General School Committee,
voted to Choose five persons for the General School Committee for the year ensuing. —

(over.)

Art. 3. By Ballot chose, Rev.d Thomas L. Biscoe } General School Committee
" " " " Edmund B. Willson }

Motion made by Joseph Brune Esq.r to reconsider the vote to have five for the General School Committee and have but three and the Vote passed in the affirmative. —

And By Ballot chose William C. Richards. for the Third. General School Committee, man, —

Voted the town choose three Constables for the ensuing year, —

By Ballot chose Charles Prentice } Sworn March 16. 1849 by E. M. Wigham Just.s of Peace.
" " " Samuel F. Knox. } Constables Sworn Mar. 5. 1849.
" " " Barnabas Newton } Sworn Apr. 9. 1849.

Voted to have thirteen highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway taxes the same as was last year adopted, —

By vote chose. John Whitney } Highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway taxes — Exmd. & B. Bigelow in his stead
" " " Augustus Salsbury — Sworn March 6. 1849.
" " " Levi N. Leland — Sworn Apr. 11. 1849.
" " " Rodney Leland — Sworn March 19. 1849
" " " Joseph Merriam Jr. — Sworn March 12. 1849.
" " " Samuel Dispeau — Sworn march 9. 1849.
" " " John V. Leland. — Sworn March 12. 1849.
" " " Erastus Fisher — Sworn March 12. 1849.
" " " Luke Baldwin — Exmd. Elijah Stone in his stead
" " " Joseph Copeland — Sworn March 12. 1849.
" " " Jefferson Bellows — Sworn April 9. 1849.
" " " Lewis Holbrook
" " " John Rockwood, — Exmd & Peter Hunt in his stead

Voted to have ten fire-wards for the year ensuing,

By vote Chose Edward B. Bigelow } Fire wards — accepts March 9th. 1849.
" " " Chandler M. Pratt, — Accepted March 9th. 1849.
" " " Jefferson Bellows — Accepts March 9th. 1849.
" " " Charles Brigham
" " " Ezek Saunders
" " " Erastus Fisher — accepts March 9th. 1849.
" " " Leander S. Pratt. — accepts March 9th. 1849.
" " " Charles B. Jencks. — Accepts March 9th. 1849.

Samuel A. Knox. } Accepts March 9th. 1849.
Lovel Baker jr.. } Fire Wards.

Voted to have five field drivers for the year ensuing.

By vote chose Rufus W. Davenport
" " " David Chase. } Sworn by S. B. Jenks Esq: as Constable & on file Attest. C. Prentice Town Clerk
" " " Sumner C. Stow } Field drivers
" " " Obediah Redding
" " " Barnabas Newton

Voted to have five fence viewers for the year ensuing,

By vote chose Joseph Kimball
Royal A. Keith
Jesse H. Smith } Fence viewers
Seth J. Axtell
Nathaniel Smith

Voted the Select-men appoint the Measurers of wood and Bark for the ensuing year,

Voted to have five Surveyors of Lumber for the year ensuing,

By vote Chose Noah Fletcher
Sworn Apr. 9. 1849. Philip Wing
Francis Winn } Surveyors of Lumber.
John M. Davenport
Edward B. Bigelow

By Vote chose Nathan Hancock Sealer of weights and measures for the year ensuing who appeared and was Sworn May 19. 1849.
By me. — Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk

Voted to choose a Committee of three to audit accounts

By vote Chose. Edward B. Bigelow
Tullins Winthrop Faulkner } Auditing Committee
Francis Winn.

Voted to have three Sealers of Leather for the ensuing year,

By vote Chose Joseph Kimball
Jonathan Warren } Sealers of Leather,
Jonathan C. Waren Sworn March 13. 1849.

And by Vote this Meeting was adjourned for three weeks to the 26th day of March Current at 1. O'clock P. M. at this place

Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

7.

The following persons were appointed Wood Measurers by the Select-men March 16. 1849.

Abraham M. Bigelow	
Augustus Slocomb	
Jonathan B. Sibley	Excused.
Samuel Harrington	
Benja Kingsbury	
Lewis H. Bigelow	
Samuel A. Knox	Sworn March 26. 1849.
Lucius M. Smith	
Charles C. Aldrich	Sworn April 28. 1849.
Levi N. Leland	Sworn Apl. 11. 1849.
Gilbert C. Fast	Sworn March 26. 1849.
William B. Nolen	
Thomas A. Buffum,	

Samuel Dispeau Pound Keeper, Declins, and Leander S. Pratt, appointed in his stead Pound Keeper, by the Select men March 26. 1849.

Joseph Willard, Appointed Measurer of wood and Bark by the Select-men March 26th 1849 and Sworn Apl. 6. 1849.

Also Appointed Lucius M. Smith Field Driver Sworn Apl 9. 1849, and Levi P. Bigelow Field Driver Sworn April 9. 1849.

March 26th 1849. The Town having met at one o'clock P. M, pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meting from the fifth day of March current, the following further proceedings were had. to wit: —

Read the records of the last Meting, —

Took up the third Artile in the warrant and acted thereon,

Art. 3d voted to excuse Oliver N. Brigham by his request, serving assessor for the ensuing year, And By Ballot Chose Benjamin W. Fay. one of the Assessor for the year ensuing, Sworn May 1st. 1849 by C. Prentice Town Clerk,

voted to excuse John Whitney by his request, serving a highway surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes for the year ensuing, And by Vote Chose Edward B. Bigelow highway Surveyor and collector of highway Tax for the ensuing year. — in his Stead, — ,
who was sworn April 9th 1849 by C. Prentice. T. Clerk, . — . — .

Voted to excuse John Rockwood by his request serving a highway Surveyor, and By Vote Chose.
Peter Hunt, highway Surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes for the Year ensuing in his Stead, — Sworn Apl. 7. 1849.

Took up the fifth Artile.

Art. 5th Voted the highways and Slucies be repaired in the same manner as they were the Year last past. — . —

Voted to allow for Man and for one Yoke of Oxen twelve & half cents each an hour for what time they work, the price for Cart Plough &c left discretionary with the highway Surveyors. — See Art. 5th acts of Apl. 9th. 1849.

Art. 5th Voted to Excuse Luke Baldwin by his request serving a highway Surveyor, And by Vote — Chose Elijah Stow highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes for the Year ensuing, in his Stead — , who come forwarde March 27. 1849. and was sworn By Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Voted to excuse Winthrop Faulkner by his request serving as one of the Auditing Committee on accounts, and By Vote Chose Seth J. Axtell one of the Auditing Committee for the ensuing Year. —

Took up the Sixth Article and acted thereon.

Art. 6t. Voted to grant Eight thousand five hundred dollars to defray town Charges the year ensuing, —

Voted to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the repair of highways and Sluices within said town the year ensuing, to be assessed in a labor tax, —

Voted to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the interest of the School note and what comes from the Commonwealth for Schooling the ensuing year, one third for Summer and two thirds for winter Schools, —

Voted to appropriate out of the town grant a sum sufficient to pay the interest on all town debts, —

Voted the remainder of the town grant be appropriated to defray town Charges the year ensuing, —

Art. 7t. Voted the taxes be collected in the same manner as they were the last year viz: —

Those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within sixty days from the time the assessors shall commit the tax Bill to the Collector for collection such persons shall be entitled to a discount of ten per cent on their taxes, and the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer once in thirty days all the money that he has collected, and shall complete his collection and pay over the full amount that he is required to collect to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January next and he shall be entitled to one quarter of a cent on the dollar on all the taxes he collects to be paid when he completes his collection, —

No abatement on any Taxes to be made to the Collector after the first of January next, unless he shall previous to that time notify the Assessors that it is not in his power to collect such tax, such notice to be given in writing

Voted to accept this Motion. — —

Art. 8t. Voted to pay the Sextons the same as last year, viz: —

for digging and filling Grave, Ringing Bell to give notice of a death, tolling it at the funeral, and attending with

his Horse, and the Town's Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents, also that the friends of the Deceased pay him one dollar more for his services, —. —. —

Art. 12th. Voted the several School Committee=men be hereby authorized to hire their teachers the ensuing year, in their respective Districts, —.

Voted to Choose a Committee. one from each District to Make a new division of the School money, —

and By vote chose, Rev.d Thomas B. Bisco
Benjamin Heywood Jr.
Silas Forbush.
Seth J. Axtell
Royal A. Keith
Doct. Levi Rawson
Charles Brigham
Joseph B. Adams
Asa F. Smith
Austin Holbrook
Noah K. Merriam
} Committee,

Art. 15th. Voted that the town Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of forty seven hundred Dollars. where he can best obtain it. for which he shall give his note as Treasurer of the town of Grafton promising payment with interest at six per cent, —

Art. 14th. voted the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. M. and 9 P. M. the year ensuing, —

Art 16th. Voted the Selectmen be hereby authorized to move from off the land of Jonathan D. Wheeler the Towns Powder house and dispose of the same with all the materials thereon for the benefit of said Town, —

Art. 7th. Voted to set up the collection of Taxes for the ensuing to the lowest bidder and it was struck off to Winthrop Faulkner at one fourth of a cent on the Dollar. And By Ballot Chose Winthrop Faulkner Collector of Taxes. Sworn June 15. 1849.

Art, 18th Voted to accept the followin Town Debts,

Austin Holbrook ast	5.00
Charles Brigham "	10.12
Charles Goddard "	30.00
Oliver M. Brigham "	5.00
Oliver M. Brigham "	15.00
Oliver M. Brigham "	3.12
Philip Wing "	5.00
Jonathan B. Sibley "	8.33
Humphrey M. Tyler "	18.00
Rev. C. B. Wilson "	19.00

And by vote this meeting was adjourned to Monday April 9th at 2. O'clock P.M. at this place,

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty sixth day of March Current at 2. O'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, to wit: —

1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting, —

2d. To see if the Town will establish a high School and determine the place or places where it shall be kept, and provide a suitable School room or rooms for the same and make appropriation for those purposes as Petitioned for by Thomas L. Bisco and others, or act thereon, —

3d. To see if the town will Choose a Committee or authorize the Select Men to re-district the highways and if necessary form some additional Districts, as Petitioned for by Royal Keith and others or act thereon, —

4th To see if the Town will pay Albert Stone for damage—

sustained by him on the 15th. of July last in consequence of there a defect in the road a little north of the Burying ground or act thereon, —

5th. To see if the town will repeal the By Laws of said Town passed December 18th. 1848. relating to Dogs as petitioned for by Edward B. Bigelow and others, or act thereon, —

6th. To see if the town will discontinue the old road from the house of Ebenezer Lincoln to where it intersects with the new road near the house of Moses H. Adams as petitioned for by Moses H. Adams, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the center of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnum's Ville, and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as afore-said. —

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine —

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelor
J. W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft,
} Select-Men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss, March 26th. 1849. —
I have served this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said Warrant,
Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A True Copy of Warrant and Return Made Thereon
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty Sixth day of March A.D. 1849. The following proceedings were had, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams, Moderator of the meeting. —

Art. 2d. Motion was made to establish a high School in town, an amendment to the Motion was made, to have the School kept part of the time in the Centre of the town, part at the North and part of the time at the South part of said town for the better accomodation of the whole, Divided the house to see if the amendment should be put to the Motion, and it passed in the affirmative 127 to 112. — —

It was then moved to choose a Committee one from each School District, to make report of the doings of this meeting at the adjournment of this Meeting,

By vote Chose ~~Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe.~~

" " " Rev. Edmund B. Willson
" " " A. H. Smith
" " " Abner Harlow
" " " Seth J. Axtell
" " " Otis Adams
" " " Silas Forbush
" " " Elijah Demond
" " " 2d. Levi Rawson
" " " Eseki Saunders
" " " Lewis Holbrook
" " " H. H. W. Sigourney

} Committee.

And by vote adjourned this Meeting for two weeks, to April 9th next, at one o'clock P.M. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

April 9th. 1849. at one o'clock P. M. the Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 26th. day of March last past. the following further proceedings were had, to wit:—.—

After reading the records of the last meeting.—

voted to take up the second article in the warrant,—

Art. 2. Motion was made to discharge the committee chosen at the last meeting from making any report on the doings of said meeting and it was voted in the affirmative, not to report,—

Doctr. Levi Rawson made a motion in writing which was read, put to vote if the Town would accept of it and it passed in the affirmative, which is in the following words and figures, —.

To establish a high school, and in addition to the sum now appropriated by the town for schooling, that the town raise and appropriate five hundred dollars more, which sum shall be divided among the several ~~several~~ School Districts in the following manner.—

Centre District	No. 1. —	$.75.
New England District	No. 9.	" .75.
Farmersville District	No 6.	" 50.
To each of the other Districts .		37.50

and there shall be a school in each District in town at least three months in the year kept by a Teacher of compitent ability (in addition to the primary branches) to give instruction in the History of the United States, Book Keeping, Surveying, Geometry and Algebra, —

The General School Committee shall determine the qualifications of Scholars to be admitted to receive instruction in these higher branches, and such Scholars as are admitted shall be instructed in the same in the School Kept in their respective Districts

Art. 3. motion was made and it was voted to Choose a Committee one from each High-way District to examine and make report at any adjourned Meting respecting this article,

By vote chose Philip Wing
C. M. Pratt
Ebenezer Hutkins
Levi N. Leland
Rodney Leland
Joseph Merriam Jr,
Joseph Kimball
Esek Saunders. } Committee,
Luke Baldwin
Jefferson Bellows
Joseph Copeland
Lewis Holbrook
Peter Hunt
Royal A. Keith

Art. 4th. Motion made, and the Town voted the Select-men to inform themselves and report all the facts relating to this article at any adjourned Meeting, —

Art. 5th. Motion was Made to repeal the By Laws of said Town adopted on the 18th day of December A. D. 1848. and it was voted and passed in the Negative. —

on Motion being made It was voted to repeal so much of the By laws of said Town adopted on the 18th. day of December A. D. 1848 in relation to Dogs, as requires that Dogs running at large in said Town shall wear a Muzzle, —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting for one hour.

Being met on adjournment, proceeded- viz; —

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to enforce the By laws of said town relating to Dogs, at the expense of the Town, —

By vote chose Frances Winn
Nathaniel Monroe } Committee,
Isaac W. Wood.

Art. 6th. voted to pass over this article, —

and by vote this Meeting was dissolved,

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

April 9th. 1849. the Town having met at 2. O'Clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the annual march Meeting from the 26th day of March last the following further proceedings were had. viz; —
after reading the proceedings of the last Meting, —
Voted to take up the 13th. Article and act Thereon, —

Art. 13th. The Committee Chosen at the last Meting to make a division of the School Money made their Report, which is in the following words and figures, —

Report of Committee Chosen to divide the School money, Ap. 1849. — . — . —

Your Committee supposing it to be necessary to report at this meeting, have given the subject, tho' perhaps not as thorough an examination as its importance demand, yet such as their time and circumstances would allow, and would beg leave to report as follows, — . — . —

District No. 1. —	21	No. 7. —	5⅛
" " 2. —	5¼	" 8. —	5¾
" " 3. —	6⅛	" 9. —	21
" " 4. —	6¼	" 10. —	6
" " 5. —	5¾	" 11. —	5½
" " 6. —	12¼		

Joseph B. Adams
Silas Forbush
Levi Rawson
R. A. Keith

Thomas C. Biscoe
Charles Brigham
Seth J. Axtell
A. G. Smith
Austin Holbrook,
B. Heywood Jr,
N. K. Merriam

Voted to accept of this report. — . —

Art. 4th Motion made that all Poll Taxes be paid on demand.
and it was voted in the negative,
Took up the third article.

Art. 3d Voted to excuse Rev. E. B. Willson serving on the General School Committee. by his request, —
By Ballot Chose Samuel Brimblecom, General School Committee
By Ballot Chose Ebenezer Aldrich, Constable, } who was Sworn April 10th. 1849. by. E. Prentice. J. Clk }

12.

Voted to take up the 12th Article.

Art. 12th. Voted to adopt the Motion made by A. G. Smith in writing which is as follows, viz: —

To reconsider so much of the vote as authorized the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers for their respective Districts, — That the General School Committee shall hire the Eleven teachers that are to teach the Schools where the branches are taught required by law for the higher departments,

By vote this Motion was accepted.

Took up the 5th. Article in the warrant.

Art. 5th. Voted that all Bridges and Sluices of eight feet and over are to be repaired by the several Highway Surveyors of the Town and the expenses thereof to be paid for out of the Treasury of said town, as was done the last year,

Art. 6th. Voted to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars for the Support of the high Schools,

And By vote this Meeting was adjourned for four weeks. to May 7th. at 2. o' Clock P. M.

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

May 7th. 1849. The Town having met at two o' clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meeting from the 9th of April last, the following proceedings were had to wit: —

Read the record of the last meeting. —

Took up the third article and acted thereon,

Art. 3d. Motion being made, Voted to Choose two More to the General School Committee. —

By Ballot chose Revd. Edmund B. Willson } General School
" " " Revd. George T. Day. — } Committee

By Ballot Chose Solomon Carroll } Field Drivers
" " " Leonard Snow } Sworn May 10. 1849.

The Selectmen appointed by the Town a Committee at the last Meeting to Examine into the facts of the fourth Article in the Warrant of March 16th. 1849.

Made their Report, and By vote the town voted to accept the town voted to accept of the report which is in the following words and figures, viz: —

The Selectmen, to whom was refered the case of Albert Stone by the town at a meeting held on the 9th day of April last, with instructions to inform themselves of the facts and report at any adjourned meeting, in regard to the injury sustained by the ~~said~~ Stone on the 15th. of July last, in consequence as he alleges of a defect in the road at the crossing a little North of the old Burying-grounds, have attended to that duty and beg leave to offer the following report, —

They had a meeting on the 17th day of April for the purpose of hearing the Statements of all persons interested in the matter and to ascertain such facts in regard to the case as they might be able; the result of which, and subsequent inquiries is as follows, —

From the Statement of Dea. Stone, it appears that on the 15th day of July last he was coming towards this crossing on the old road that leads towards the House of John Wheeler, with a load of hay on a common hay waggon drawn by one horse, had on as was judged some 7 or 8 hundred ℔, was riding on the load — the horse started in a trot at a considerable distance from the crossing up in the woods near John Wheeler's — found himself working too far forward and hitched back thinks some 5 or 6 feet — thinks the horse did not become unmanageable untill he fell from the load at the crossing — did not think the horse was frightened till after the fall — thinks he should have fallen from the load at the crossing if he had passed it on a trot whether the horse was frightened or not, — was found nearly twenty rods from the crossing on the Uxbridge road — fell from the load at the time of passing the crossing on to the horse and was carried to the place where he was found, on the Horse and on the Shafts of the waggon — thinks the load was not bound on — the horse run to Centreville —

And was there stopped — the load was not upset and but little of the hay shook off — had rode on such loads before and felt himself safe — had not been over this place before with a load of hay with a horse — had considered this place unsafe for some time — thinks the road was accepted by the County=Commissioners on or about the 20th. of June last ——

With regard to the extent of the injury sustained by Dea. Stone there appears to be no great diversity of opinion as far as has been ascertained all agree that it was very considerable — from the statements of his Physician it appears that he was very materially injured so far as muscular injury is concerned, no bones were broken. but the injury was a muscular one, and of such a nature as to require a long time to recover from its effects; and for a person of his age, a complete recovery is hardly to be expected at all — he was visited by his Physician almost every day for nearly six weeks. from the time of the accident, and from time to time since — he suffered great bodily pain for a long time, and now suffers great inconvenience in consequence of the injury sustained by that accident —— .

In regard to the safety or unsafety there was considerable difference of opinion expressed by the different individuals who appeared at that Meeting; —

It was thought by some to have been at that time unsafe and dangerous to pass over under any circumstances — others thought it safe for any one to pass over who was acquainted with the situation of the place and guarded against it; some persons gave it as their opinion that it was safe for common travel, but unsafe for loads to pass over; others thought it perfectly safe and convenient for both — some thought the rise at that time at this place was 3 feet in going 6 or 7 feet, — others that it was no more than 3 feet in going 10 feet — some persons who were at that time in the habit of passing that way very frequently were struck with the dangerousness and unsafety of the road, and always regarded it as a place where, should any accident occur the=

Town would be liable for damages; others who passed that way as frequently, did not notice the place at all; or if noticed did not regard it as particularly dangerous, and never suffered any inconvenience in consequence of it; the general opinion however was that the road was not what it should be, but still not dangerous for persons to pass over, with or without a load, who were acquainted with the condition of the place and guarded against it.

The foregoing are believed to be the main facts in regard to this matter as appeared from the statements of those persons who were present, after hearing these statements the Selectmen went to the place where this accident is said to have happened, for the purpose of viewing the premises and getting what further information they could as to probable condition of the roads, on the said 15th. day of July last, by reference to the order of the County Commissioners it appears that the grading at this crossing was to be 555 one thousandths of a foot, which is a little over 6½ inches, the crowning of the road is 16 inches, so that the highest point in the new road would be a little over 22½ inches above the bed of the old roads, it is further ordered by said Commissioners "that all roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid, be so graded by raising or lowering the same at the points of their said crossing, intersection or connection therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for travellers passing thereon.

It appears that the County Commissioners viewed and accepted this road some three weeks before the time of this accident, it did not appear from any statements made at the Meeting before mentioned that the commissioners at the time they accepted the road made any objections to the condition of this crossing, which it is presumed from the well known Character of the men who compose that boards, they would have done, had they regarded it in any other condition than that set forth in their order, viz: safe and convenient for travellers passing thereon,

It is not to be supposed that a road must necessarily be safe and convenient because accepted by the County Commissioners, but in this case that fact had some influence with the Selectmen in forming their opinion as to the

safety of the road, It appears furthermore from the Statements of Dea Stone that his horse started into a trot at some considerable distance from this crossing (whether from being frightened or otherwise does not fully appear) and the probability is that he lost the controll of his horse before he came to the crossing, and had he not thus lost the controll his horse he would have passed in safety, it appears he thought so himself, when he started with the load of hay, for he thinks he should have fallen from the load if he had passed it on a trot whether the horse had been frightened or not, of course, when he started with the load knowing that he was to pass this place which he had considered unsafe for some time, he calculated to controll his horse so as not to go over in such a manner as he believed would cause him to be thrown from the load, — . —.

Notwithstanding the sympathy which the Selectmen may have for Dea. Stone, and they cannot but deeply regret his misfortune, Still after a carefull investigation into all the facts in the Case as they have been presented to them, and getting all the information which the circumstances of the Case admits, as to the condition of said Crossing on the said 15th. day of July last, the time when this accident is said to have happened, they have unanimously decided that the condition of the said road at the above mentioned Time, cannot be considered as unsafe or dangerous for travellers passing thereon, —

All of which is respectfully submitted

Grafton May 7th. 1849

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
J. W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft,
} Selectmen

Voted to take up the 12th. Article and act thereon Art. 12th. Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meting whereby the Town voted to Authorize the General School Committee to hire the Eleven School teachers

for the higher branches of Schooling, and that the prudential Committeemen hire the teachers in their respective Districts, as was first Voted

Voted to take up the Sixth article and act thereon

Art. 6th. voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meeting whereby the town voted to vais the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of a high Schools, —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Annual return Made by the Assessors of all the persons enrolled in the Militia in the Town of Grafton for the Year 1849. — The whole Number being,

Joseph W. Leland, William E. Stockwell, George W. Hastings, Owen D. Colson, Michel Burger, Silas A. Forbush, Nathaniel Monroe, Thomas J. Drury, Charles A. Pierce, Moses C. Woodbury, John C. Woodbury, Henry Easter, Rufus W. Davenport, Otis B. Pratt, Almond Mann, Dexter S. Bragg, Sewall A. Brown, Francis Winn, Jonathan B. Sibley, David R. Chamberlain, Hollis Cole Edward P. Dennis, Samuel S. Drury, Charles B. Prentice, John H. Stiles, Jeremiah Flagg, Charles L. Chamberlain, Frederick Waterman, Patrick Welch, Charles B. Desmond, Josiah H. Hammond, Charles Jackson, Edgar Potter, Elbridge G. Prentice, William A. Fisk, Andrew J. White, Hiram Spring, Henry R. Keith, Fisk W. Barnum, Henry G. Prentice, Royal A. Keith, Jonathan S. Fisk, Harrison Eames, Augustus Salsbury, Ephraim C. Neal, John Hitchens, Daniel Sullivan, David Salsbury, Benjamin Heywood Jr. William Bliss, John Mc. Daid, Walker Forehand, Orrin L. Bliss, Truman Jones, Charles A. Chase, Patrick Dolin, John Myron, Jacob Spring, Constant R. Davis, John B. Rice, Hafford P. Dunham, John Driden, Nathaniel L. Eddy,

Harolin F. Eddy, Levi L. Smith, John P. Smith,
Gilbert C. Fast, Amos D. Johnson, Albert Kinsley,
Ruben B, Fuller, James F. Lippett, John S. Burnapp,
William S. Rae, John H. Jones, M. McDaughton,
David N. Brown, James Putnam, Dexter Gleason,
William Holbrook 2d, George S. Case, Willard Clapp,
William Tucker, William Hoyle, Joseph Howard,
Edward Cortis, Joseph Shaw, Samuel Willis,
James Stanfield, John Brundell, Isaac Redding,
John Sherman, William Robbins, Pardon Case,
Gilbert C. Bowen, George Webster, William B. Nolen,
Erastus Fisher, Shepard Cooper, Joseph D. Bonn.
Isaac Wheeler, Charles Holmes, Abraham Kempton,
Chandler Cooper, William W. Merrill, Wilson Sibley,
Eri Jackson, Amos Bates, George W. Bradford,
Benson Buxton, Dolliver Clemens, Darius Perry Jr,
Thomas A. Buffum, Omer Aldrich, Thomas Morse,
Jabez Hodgdon, John Morrill, John Lemon,
Abel Snakeye. Thomas Young, John Young,
James Maxwell, Richard Burns, Arnold Sherman,
Marcus Bond. Albert C. Williams, Stewart Woodman,
George Woodman, John H. Merrett, Alanson Pettis,
Edwin Wescott, Thomas Garven, Charles Hager,
Ithiel P. Farnum, Adolphus Fowler, Joseph Punkin,
George C. Wheeler, Harry Brown, David A. Fry.
Francis W. Sawyer, Tarrant S. Sherman, Josiah G. Hall,
Francis N. Hall, Maynard Loring, Amherst Ford,
James Gregory, William Harrington, Royal A. Leland,
Jamy F. Hudson, George W. Dorr, Frederick Ruthren,
John M. Newton, Cornelius Bullen, Henry A. Seva,
John Daniels, Lewis Daniels, Augustus W. Brooks,
Abraham Vancuren, Albert B. Kingsbury, Erastus White,
Joseph Newman, Samuel H, Redding, John Nash,
Levi Wood, Rock Jacobs, Alexander Jacobs,
Levi Green, Leander S. Pratt, Patrick Smith.
Elijah L. Case, Henry B. Powers, Tyler Harrington,
Joshua Longdon. Daniel Whitney, George Dunn,
William Hamlington, Otis Farrington, William Brown,

George F. Brown, Jesse Conant, Charles Conlan, a
Zolvin Ross, Elliot C. Jourdan, Kendrick Hunt,
Samuel J. Hunt, Daniel Hunt, Edwin J. Leland,
Jonas G. Nichols, Leonard Brown, Asa Sargent,
Nicholas Johnson, Ephraim Taft, Thomas M. Baker jr.
James C. Aldrich, George Brown, Benjamin F. Brown,
Ebenezer N. Jenks, Israel Brown, Daniel Lincoln,
Sumner C. Stow, Joel Taft, Lawson Munyan,
Moses P. Stow, Calvin S. Thurston, Otis C. Fay, a
William Eames, Curtis Forbush, Elijah Perkins, a
Jonathan C. Forbush, John P. Hayden, George F. Bigelow,
Thomas J. Brewer, William S. Brewer, Edwin Hall,
George Clark, John Rockwood, Peter Hunt, a
Charles Merriam, Manly C. Dodge, James T. Hall,
Cyrus C. Dalrymple, Dwight Mann, Elbridge Forbush,
Rodney Leland, Nathaniel Adams, Phineas Gates Jr,
Robert Woods, Harvey J. Pratt, Edwin Smith a
Dennis Kenney, Simeon Fuller, Isaac J. Gibson,
George Harrington, Levin Hoyle, Robert Green, a
Nelson Mowry, John A. Dodge Charles W. Bailey, a
Charles E. Aldrich, Joshua W. Harrington, Peter Union,
Willard Bellows, Marcus M. Elliott, Stephen D. Elliott
Seth Rollins, Franklin Baldwin, Duncan Turner
Francis Goddard, Geo. W. Selsea, Otis Brown,
John Simonds, Albert Swett, Jeremy J. Goodrich,
Henry Johnson, Francis Robinson, David R. White,
William P. Gifford, Charles Kelly, Harrison K. Putnam,
Ashley W. Rice, Charles Whitlock, David F. Young
Sumner Dunsmore, Charles Dunsmore, Benjamin Fris
Frederick Williams William Minor, Timothy Bosworth
Charles A. Penniman, William Brown, John Sargent, a
Truman Gray, . . Baker, David F. Witherby.
Charles C. Woods, Silas A. Pierce, Alanson G. Hinds,
David W. Carpenter, Elisha L. Livermore, Otis Frissell,
Charles Collis, Charles P. Brown, Samuel W. Clark,
Charles Twitchell, Seward M. Brown, Leander F. Smith
Stephen B. Gerry, Edward Willis, George R. Enslow
George H. Walker, Ezra Churchill, Russell Collier,

Warren Toby. James Gleason, George Whitaker
Charles Newton, Michel Keith Joseph Whitaker
Henry Wing, Frederick Dean, Thomas Pogue.
John Pogue, John W. Moulds, Edward G. Davis,
Charles W Knowlton, Nelson H. Brock, Hugh Taharney.
Benjamin S. Watson, William S. Gates. Elijah B. Knowlton,
Benjamin Robinson, Artemas Briggs. Joshua Vinton,
Levi F. Haywood, William Holbrook. Samuel Dispeau.
John Briggs, Ethan R. Thompson, Francis A. Whitlock,
Samuel Pennock, Andrew Tunkam, Lucius Haywood.
Charles E. Brooks, James Owen, Sydney Bottom,
John N. Willson, Lewis H. Bigelow, Joseph Tolliver,
Hugh Rant, Liberty Newman, Edmund F. Wheler,
Franklin Bigelow, Joel F. Cobb, Henry A. Gifford,
Henry H. Messenger, Robert D. Chase. Nathaniel F. Skinner,
Francis Carroll, Josiah Norcross fr. Joshua E. Thompson,
Josiah Norcross. Nathaniel G. Whitney, Seth C. Winslow,
Ezra H. Pratt. William Pengrey. Franklin C. Baldwin,
John J. Stow, Charles Tilly. Jasper W. Putnam,
Daniel G. Fairbanks, Alexander Ford, Wm A. Ford,
Horace Batchelder, Joseph Wood Jr. George F. Clark,
Joseph H. Clark, Otis Fuller, Martin A. Rice,
Cyrus Perry, Stephen R. White, Daniel F. Smith,
George Brown, Charles E. Thayer, Appleton Carroll,
Flint Howe, Lorin Davis, Simeon Crombe
A. A. Robbins, Walter H. Leighton, George W. Phillips
Andrew S. Phillips, Henry Lathe, Leonard B. Hill.
Michel Jackson, Patrick Dolan, William Newton,
James Young, Nelson Perry, Austin D. Bassett,
Horatio M. Davis, Nathaniel Odiam, Darius White,
Warren Brigham, Tebina Lincoln Abraham Wood,
Andrew River, Justus Woods. Orin Davis,
Thomas Aldrich, Thomas J. Baker, Andrew Gates,
Laurana Casey, Maurice Raridon. John Camm,
Thomas Bradford. James Bulger, Lorenzo Chapman,
Hollis Chamberlain, Uriah Searles, David Fisher Jr,
Cyrus Aldrich, Solomon E. Goulding, John Lowry,
Curtis Maynard, Henry Watson. Josiah W. Miller,

Charles Mitchell, Joseph Willard, Levi P. Bigelow,
Seth J. Axtell, Jonathan C. Nichols, Thomas G. Flint,
Frederick Brimblecom, Thomas J. Whelock, Patrick Seaver,
Michael Lawless, Joseph Copeland, John C. Newton,
George H. Newton, Nathan S. Whelock, Henry A. Green,
Hanson F. Harrington. Charles Goddard 2d, Charles Martin,
Joseph L. Dispeau, William A. Dispeau, Eph^m L. Goulding,
John B. Smith, Ebenezer Hutkins, Cromwell Gaither,
Daniel H Wheler, Otis W. Worr, Abel F. Wheler,
Samuel Chase, Oliver H. Whelock, Elijah Brooks,
Calvin Wesson, Nath^l L. Chaffin, Adolphus F. Goodrich,
William F. Barker, John Griffin, Franklin G. Linsley
Robert Lenny, Willard Gay, John W. Clarke,
Dana Whitcomb, Andrew J. Wingate, Luke Fenox,
Mark French, William French, Amos W. Fuller,
Edwards, William Pierce, Lewis W. Garland
William Mayor, James W Russell, Charles Phelps
George H. Walker, Isaac Palmer, Levi Palmer,
Samuel C. Palmer, D. F. Mills, Andrew McDonald
Lorin Lamard. Joseph Tilley, Edward Burns,
Jeremiah Lamed, Job Johnson, Thomas Johnson
Hiram Goodrich, Solomon Robinson, Nathaniel B. Harlow
Chester W. Bailey, Francis Bates, John Derby,
Edwin Flagg, Leonard S. Whelock, Jesse H. Smith,
Walter Harrington. Stephen Foster, Michael M. Fay,
Charles F Leland, Elbridge G. Harrington, John Harrington,
George Buck, George H. Rugg, William Wiggins,
Henry Nelson, Jasper S. Nelson, William S. Lemon,
Levi G. Paine, George Allum, Richard Allum,
Thomas Fishlock, John Raridon, Patrick Gavin,
John S. Sweeney, George F. Slocomb, Barney Mc Manners
Augustus Slocomb, Newinton Stone, Leander Stockwell
Salem Gragg, Luther Stowe,

17. Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in town affairs, to met at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty seventh day of August current at 2. o'Clock P. M. - to act on the following Articles; to wit: -

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2d To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to make or cause to be made the road and bridges from the County road leading from Worcester to Uxbridge Near the Brick-house of Jefferson Bellows to Upton line as laid out by the County Commissioners or act thereon, - .

3d To see if the town will settle with Albert Stone by reference or otherwise for damage he sustained on the 15th day of July 1848. said by him to have been caused by a defect in the road Northerly of the Burying-ground in said Town, or act thereon, - . -

4th. To see if the town will purchase a lot of land for a new burying-grounds, or act thereon, -

5th To hear the report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon, - . -

6th. To Accept Town Debts, - . -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, -

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, - .

A. M. Bigelow
John Watterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft,
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. August 27th. 1849. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton. —

A true Copy of the warrant and return thereon,
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 27th day of August A. D. 1849. — the following proceedings were had; to wit: — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Charles Brigham Moderator of the Meeting,

" 2d. Motion Made to Choose a Committee for the purpose mentioned in this Article. — voted the Committee consist of three persons

By vote chose Jefferson Billows
" " " Philip Wing
" " " Lewis Holbrook. } for said Committee.

Art. 3d. Motion was Made by James G. Putnam to pass over this Article. vote was tried and for passing over the Article, 16 Votes. against passing over the article 18 Votes
It was then Moved to Choose a Committee of three to Settle with Dea.r Stone; for a Committee 19 Votes. —
against Choosing a Committee 19 " and one of the Select Men votes and was not counted —
the Motion was tried again vote to pass over this Article 22. against passing over it 19. — so the article was disposed of. — —

Art. 4th. It was Moved to Choose a Committee to Examine different pieces and parcels of land for a new burying-ground, and ascertain the prices they can be bought for, and Make report at a future Meeting. —
Voted to have a Committee of Five for said service,

By vote Chose Samuel Wood
" " " Philip Wing
" " " Jonathan Warren } for said Committee
" " " Joseph Bruce
" " " Calvin W. Forbush

Art. 5th. voted to pass over this article for the presents. —
Art. 6th, voted to accept Town debts
Samuel Wood bill for 23 days as an assessor $ 28.75
And by vote the meeting adjourned for four weeks to met at
3. o' clock in the afternoon. —
Attest. Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk. —.

These articles of agreement Made and entered into this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, by and between Lewis Mills of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Jonathan D. Wheeler of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts each as Guardians of their respective Children of the one part, and Minot Amsden of said Grafton of the other part witnesseth, —
That the said Lewis Mills and Jonathan D. Wheeler as Guardians as aforesaide in consideration of the agreements hereinafter Mentioned and Made by said Minot Amsden, hath agreed and hereby doth agree with the said Minot Amsden his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, That he may remoove the wall between lands occupied and owned by said Guardians in said capacity and situated in said Grafton on the new road leading from said Grafton to Worcester, and land purchased by said Minot Amsden of Philip Wing and laying on said road — from the westerly line of said road westerly six — rods and three links. —
And the said Minot Amsden in consideration of the agreement above ~~Mentioned~~ named and Made by said Lewis Mills and Jonathan D. Wheeler in their said capacity of Guardians hath agreed and hereby doth — agree with the said Jonathan D. Wheeler and Lewis Mills in their said capacity of Guardians and their successors and assigns. That the said Minot ~~Amsden~~ his heirs and assigns shall and will maintain forever on the lands of said Minot Amsden and adjoining the lands of said Guardians above Mentioned and discribed

and also build and keep in good repair a good and sufficient fence for a division fence to the lands beforementioned and discribed from the westerly line of said road westerly six rods and three links, being the whole line between lands of said Guardians & Amsden, —

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written,

Signed and Sealed in presence of
C. N. Fay
Sam'l Harrington

Minot Amsden L.S.
Lewis Mills L.S.
Guardian
Jonathan D. Wheeler L.S.
Guardian of his Children.

A true Copy Received September 1st. 1849. —
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —.

September 24th. 1849. The Town having met at 3. o' clock P. M. pursuant to adjournments from the 27th. day of August last, the following further proceedings were had to wit: —

after reading the proceedings of the last Meting, took up the fourth Article in the warrants. —

Art 4th. The Committee Chosen at the last Meting to Examine pieces and parcels of land for a new Burying-Ground Made their Report which is in the words and figures following. — — . —

The Committee Chosen for the purpose of Examining lots suitable for a Cemetery ask leave to make the following Report. —

Your Committee are of the Opinion unanimously; that from the limited extent of the several Burial Grounds in Grafton and the increase of Inhabitants, it is necessary that a tract of lands should be procured in a central situation as is possible for a Cemetery, and of a sufficient size to make the prospective requirements of a population which will be much increased within twenty to thirty years, and your Committee having examined different lots, for the purpose —

of discovering a site that would the most perfectly combine all the requisite qualities for capabilities of improvement, and a lot suitable as to location. Your committee have found two lots that they would recommend to have one of them purchased for a cemetery. Mr. Oliver M. Brigham is the owner of one of the lots and asks one hundred dollars per acre from 8 to 12 acres the lot of Mr Brigham is situate on the Millbury and Cold Spring roads, the lot is very even and very well wooded with white and yellow pines with a few Chesnuts & other trees, this lot is considered worth by your committee 35 dollars per acre More on account of there being so much more wood upon it, than upon the other lot, the committee are of opinion that this lot could be fitted as to making the carriage avenues, foot paths, and leveling the lots at a considerable less expense, this lot by being on the Millbury & Cold Spring roads, there could be two main entries and by so doing there would be an opportunity of Making the carriage avenues & foot paths at right angles, — Mr. Ethan B. Thompson is the owner of the other lot containing about 9 1/4 acres. situate on the Cold Spring road leading from the house of Eden, this converse to Central Factory, Mr. Thompson asks 800. dollars for his lot. this lot of Mr. Thompson's is a romantic lot, the situation is more pleasant — and in sight of the centre of the town in case Mr. Charles Goddard would sell a strip of land covered with wood, on the East side of Mr. Thompson's land or agree to keep said land of his, clear from wood & brush, the lot of Mr. Thompson's is not so level as that of Mr. Brigham's, The topographical features are diversified in a impressive manner by hills, valleys & glades, like unto Mount Auburn, this lot has a greater variety of wood upon it consisting of oaks, pines, Maples, Chesnuts &c Your committee, have examined the lot of Mr, Charles Goddard, adjoining the Burial Ground, They are of the opinion that there is not land sufficient, suitable for a Burial ground, Your committee have also examined a lot of Mr Samuel Wood's situate on the Millbury & Cold Spring —

road opposite of the house of Elder Converse. This lot is covered with a young growth of yellow pine in part, and a part of this lot is Plain land & not covered with trees. This lot of land is suitable for a Cemetery, unless the inhabitants are wishing for a lot more covered with trees, your Committee have taken into consideration the price probably, that, this lot could be purchased at, and considering the value of wood that would be taken from either of the lots of Messrs Brigham & Thompson for the purpose of making avenues & paths, and selling the wood it would reduce the price by the acre lower than this lot of pine woods, your Committee do recommend that, the Town buy one of the lots of Mr. Brigham & Thompson and fence it, and they also recommend that the woods, that which will necessarily have to be taken off for the purpose of making Carriage Avenues & foot paths, be sold and the Money appropriated for the purpose of making said avenues & paths

By order of the Committee

Samuel Woods.

A True Copy.

Accepted September 24th. 1849.-

Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

It was then Moved to Choose a Committee of five to purchase a lot either of Oliver M. Brigham or Ethan R. Thompson and the Town Voted the same former Committee be Authorized for that purpose, viz. Samuel Wood, Philip Wing, Jonathan Warren, Joseph Brunt & Lobin W. Forbush, Then it was voted to add Eight More to said Committee.-

By vote chose, Rev. Edmund B. Wilson, Joseph Merriam,- Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe,- John Whitney, Lewis Holbrook, Luke Leland, Jonathan D. Wheeler and John W. Slocomb, said Committee.-

Motion was then made to take up the third article in the Warrant and act thereon, the vote was tried and passed in the negative, and the article was passed over.-

Then By vote the Meeting was dissolved

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

20. Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. — — — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty fourth day of September instant at 2. O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:—

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said meeting, —

2d. To see if the town will by a committee or otherwise petition the Commissioners for the County of Worcester to remunerate the Town for constructing and Making a road lately located by said Commissioners, Commencing near the Brick-house of Jefferson Bellows and from thence to Upton line, and by said Commissioners ordered to be made by the Town of Grafton, by paying from the Treasury of said County such sum or sums as said Commissioners shall think equitable and just, as Petitioned for by Luke Leland and others, or act thereon, —

3d. To hear the report of the Select Men on the laying out of a road from the house of Robert Lathe to Sutton line near Wilkinsonville, and act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Worcester, ss, September 24th. 1849. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —
Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton.

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft. —
} Selectmen of Grafton,

A true copy Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 24th. day of September A.D. 1849. the following proceedings were had, to wit: ~ , ——— , ——

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Duke Leland Moderator of the meting. ~

Art. 2d The Town voted to Choose a Committee of three to Petition the County Commissioners for remuneration of road as mentioned in this article. ~

By vote Chose Charles Brigham
" " " Philip Wing
" " " John W. Slocomb
} Committee, ~

Art. 3d. the report of the Selectmen on laying out a road from Robert Lathes house to Sutton line was read, also a Letter from Isaac Hinkley superintendant of the Providence and Worcester Rail road was read by the Selectmen. and it was Moved to lay the above reports on the Table, put to vote and it passed in the affirmative, it was Moved to Choose a Committee of three to inform themselves respecting laying the road over the Providence and Worcester Rail road and Make report at a future Meting, ~

By vote Chose Lewis Holbrook
" " " Duke Leland
" " " Benjamen Heywood jr.
} Committee, ~

And By vote the Meeting was adjourned to the second Monday of November next at 2. o' Clock P. M. at this place. ~

Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, ~

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 8th. day of October next at 2. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:—

1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —

2d. To hear the report of the Committee that was directed to purchase a lot of land for a Burial-ground and act thereon, — . —

3d. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to take a Deed of said land for the inhabitants of the Town, and give security for the same agreeable to the contract as made by the Committee, or act thereon, —

4th. To see if the Town will choose a board of Trustees to cause their new Burial ground to be fenced, laid out into suitable lots, Carriage avenues, and foot paths, and give certificates to persons taking lots, and pass any votes relating to the subject they may think Nessary, —

5th To hear the report of any out Standing Committee and act thereon, — . —

6th. To accept Town debts, — . —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, Harrisville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

A. M. Bigelow, John Waterman, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan N. Stow, Gilbert L. Taft, } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. October 8th. 1849.

I have served this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy of the warrant and the return made thereon

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 8th Day of October A. D. 1849. the following proceedings were had, to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose A. M. Bigelow Moderator of the Meeting,

Art. 2d. The Committee Chosen at the last Meeting Made their Report respecting the land they had purchased for a Cemetery. which is in the words and figures as follows, to wit:—

The Committee, instructed by a vote of the inhabitants of this town to purchase a lot for a Cemetery have attended to that duty and ask leave to Report.

The Committee have purchased the lot of Mr. Ethan R. Thompson containing by estimate 9 1/4 acres of land at 750 dollars, and a small strip of land of Mr. Charles Goddard bordering on the land of Mr. Thompson, Measuring 1 acre 95 9/10 rods at 90 dollars per acre

amounting to. 143.96 this Strip of wood land bought of Mr. Goddard is covered with wood & brush and situate on the easterly side of the said Thompson lot, it was necessary to have this lot of Mr. Goddard to render the whole more available for the objects intended, —

By this acquisition, it makes the lot one of the most beautiful, of any in the State, according to its size, it is in sight of all the churches in the centre, and the green meadow land with the little Blackstone River winding its way in a serpentine attitude, makes a most beautiful view for the eye to behold, —

The Committee recommend that the Town Elect by Ballot a board of five Commissioners, for the term of five years, who shall have the sole care superintendance and and Management of the Rural Cemetery Established, by said Town; one Member of which board shall go out of Offie each year, and one Member shall be Chosen annually in the Month of March; but said board or either Member thereof after having had an opportunity to be heards in his or their defence, may be removed at any time, by a vote of the Town, and in case of a vacancy in said board of Commissioners by Death, resignation, removal or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the choice of another Commissioner in the Manner aforesaid, who shall hold his office for the residue of the term for which such Member so deceased, resigned or removed, would have held the same. said board may be organized by the Choice of a Chairman and Secretary from their own number, and a Major part of said board shall constitute a quorum for the exercise of the powers, and the performance of the duties of the said Office, And the term for which the several Members of the first board of Commissioners shall hold their Office, shall be determined as follows,

The Commissioner first Chosen. shall hold his Office for five years from the Annual town Meeting held in March next, the Commissioner next Chosen shall hold his Office for four years from the same time, and the Commissioner next Chosen shall hold his —

office for three years from the same time; the Commissioner next Chosen shall hold his office for two years from the same time, and the Commissioner next Chosen shall hold his Office for one year from the same time, —

2d. the said board of Commissioners shall Layout said Cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions for family or other burying places, with all the necessary paths & avenues, and may plant and Embellish the same with trees, shrubs, flowers, and other rural ornaments, and may enclose the same with a proper fence, and erect suitable appendages and conveniences, as they shall from time to time deem expedient; and said board may make all necessary by laws, rules and regulations in the execution of their trust not inconsistant with the laws of the Commonwealth as they shall deem expedient,

3d. said board of Commissioners shall have authority to grant & convey to any person or persons by a certificate recorded in Commissioners Book duly executed, the sole and exclusive right of burial, and of erecting tombs, cenotaphs and other Monuments in any of the designated lots or subdivisions of said Cemetery, upon such terms and conditions, as they shall by their rules & regulations prescribe,

4th. the proceeds of sales of lots or rights of burial in said Cemetery, shall be paid to the Commissioners and such proceeds shall be devoted to the improvement and Embellishment thereof as aforesaid, under the direction of said board of Commissioners, —

5th. said board of Commissioners shall at the annual Meeting in March, Make and render a report in writing of all their acts and proceedings, and of the condition of the Cemetery, and an account of the receipts and Expenditures for the same, —

Respectfully submitted
Per order of the Committee
Samuel Woods, —

Grafton Octr. 8. 1849. —

The town voted to accept of this report, —

Art. 3d. Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to ~~receive~~ to receive Deeds of the land which has been purchased for a Cemetery for the inhabitants of said town, and give security for the same, and that he be also authorized, to pay for fencing of the same from any unappropriated funds that may be in the Treasury. —

Art. 4th. Voted to choose five Commissioners agreable to the Committees report. —

By Ballot Chose Otis Adams,
Jonathan Warren
Rev'd. Thomas B. Biscoe } Commissioners,
Revd. Edmund B. Willson
Edward B. Bigelow

Art. 5th. No report offered. voted to pass over the article. —

Art. 6th. no claims on the town presented. —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — Greeting. . —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 5th. day of November next at 2. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit: —

1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —

2d. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the widening of the road recently located near the Depot at New England Village. and act thereon, as petitioned for by C. M. Pratt and others, — . —

3d. To hear the reports of any out Standing Committee and act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the

Public Meting-houses in the Center of said town and at the Meting-houses in New England Village, Hamunns Ville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting,

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid, — Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Worcester. ss. November 5th. 1849.
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy there of at each of the Public Meting houses in said Grafton pursuant to the direction in said warrant. —

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft,
} Select Men of Grafton.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton. —

A true Copy, Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. — . —

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of November A. D. 1849. the following proceedings were had, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Moderator of the Meting.

Art. 2d. the Selectmen Made their report on the widening of the road near the Depot at New England village. It was Moved to accept of the report. put to vote and and it passed in the Negative. — — —
voted to Choose a Committee of three. —
voted to refer the Selectmens report to said Committee and that they report at a future Meting. — —

By vote chose. Oliver M. Brigham
" " " Luke Leland
" " " Jonathan Warren
} Committee. —

Art. 3d. no reports offered to be made. this Article was passed over. —

And by vote this Meting was adjourned to Monday the 12th. Instant at half past two o' clock P. M. —

Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

November 12th. 1849. The Town being met at 2. O' clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment from the 24th. day of September last the following further proceedings were had. to wit:—

After reading the proceedings of the last Meting. —

The Town voted to take up the third article in the warrant and act thereon. — —

Art. 3d. The Committee Chosen at the last Meting made their report on this article which is in the following words and figures. viz: —

To the Town of Grafton

Your Committee appointed 24th. September to ascertain what liabilities the town is under to the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Corporation in consequence of locating a town way across their R. Roads, have attended to that duty and ask leave to present the following Report. —

The arrogant assumption & exorbitants requirements of the Providence & Worcester Rail Road corporation as set forth by the communication of their Superintendant (Mr Hinckley) to the Selectmen of this town presents the Startling enquiry whether the right of the town to locate roads and the privilege to pass and repass upon them without interruption has not been taken from them by the act of the Legislature constituting the Providence and Worcester R. Road Company. —

It does not appear by an examination of the Statutes of the commonwealth that it was the intention of the Legislature by their acts to establish Rail Roads to deprive the inhabitants of the towns through which these roads might pass, of any of their rights but simply to confer the privilege of constructing Rail Roads and running cars upon them with as little inconvenience as possible to the Public, ——

It is not the prerogative of the Officials of Corporations to dictate to the inhabitants of Grafton upon what conditions they may construct roads crossing theirs. but we still retain the right

to locate them at our pleasure, provided they are so made as not to obstruct or injure such Rail Road, and such corporations still be obliged to conform to, and be subject to the same regulations and liabilities as at crossings established when their road was located,

Your Committee think they are sustained in this view of the subject by the opinion of the Hon. Charles Allen whom they have consulted, his opinion is expressed as follows " By the 39th Chapter of the R. Statutes Section 69. in case any way is laid out Crossing the tract of a located Rail Road it is required that said way shall be so Made as "not to obstruct or injure said Rail Roads"

The way may be made to pass under or over the Rail Road but the law does not require that it shall be so made, The demand Made by the Superintendant that the town shall give bonds to secure said Rail Road company against damages and the other conditions attempted to be imposed upon the Town are without any authority of law in force in Massachusetts, —

The Providence and Worcester Rail Road crosses many important Town and County roads at grade, so far from considering it necessary in such Cases to Make Rail Road above or below the Town or County way, I believe the Rail Road company in Many instances, and in respect to roads of great travel, obtained consent to lay their roads on the same grade with the common highway,

It never could have been the purpose of the Legislature to require that all future roads crossing rail roads in any part of the commonwealth should be laid above or below the Rail Road, no Matter at what expence, Much less did the Legislature mean to subject the town and County Authorities to the dictation of the Rail Road companies, —

I understands that the road the town of Grafton think of laying out will be one of not comparatively great travel and that it would be attended with great expense and inconvenience, to —

to carry the way above or under the Rail Roads, —

My advice is that the road be laid at grade with the Rail Roads that the town lay the necessary planking which will be one of so small expence and leave the company to find their remedy, —

Yours Respectfully

Charles Allen.

All of which is Respectfully submitted. —

Lewis Holbrook
Luke Leland
Benja Haywood Jr.
} Committee,

And the Town voted to accept the foregoing report.

A true copy.

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Voted to accept the report of the Select men in laying the road from Robert Lathe's to Sutton line, which is in the following words and figures, —

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of the said Town a Town way as follows, —

Beginning at a Stake on the westerly side of the Road at the Sutton line, near the bridge in Wiskensonville then Through land of Sutton Manufacturing company North 57°. E. 8 rods to the centre of the old Black Stone canal, then through land of Providence and Worcester Rail Road company North 57°. E. 18 5/6 rods to the third post of a fence west of a gate way on the line between said Providence & Worcester R.R. Co and — William Newton. then through land of said Newton North 38°. 30' E. 13 1/2 Rods to a Stake, then Through land of Leonard B. Hill North 32° 30' E. 62 4/11 rods to an Oak tree. then Through land of said Hill North 49°. E. 67 1/2 rods to the old wall of a private way, then North 62°. E. 7 rods to a Stake in front of the House of Robert Lathe. said road to be three rods wide and to lie on the Easterly side —

of said course, and we have agreed with the owners of the lands over which said way passes for their damage as follows, the Sutton Mfg Co. claim no damage, and none was allowed, their agents Seth Hartwell will give ten dollars towards paying for filling through their land, It is adjudged that the Prov & Worc. Rail Road Company will be as much benefitted by the laying of the road as the land is worth through which it passes, consequently no damage is assessed to that Company, — William Newton claims no damage and none is allowed, Leonard B. Hill claims for fencing only and the sum of two hundred thirty three dollars and eighty five cents is allowed him for that purpose, to be paid by said town of Grafton before said road is opened; — and the said Hill releases all the damages for laying said way through his land, and we allowed the several owners of the lands aforesaid two Months to take off the wood standing and Growing thereon, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way; ——

Dated at Grafton this tenth day of September in the year 1849. —

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Received September 17th. 1849. at 7h. 45m. P.M.
Attest, Charles Prentice T. Clerk.

Accepted by the Town November 12th. 1849.
A Town Copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

And by Vote the Meeting was dissolved
Attest
Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

November 12th. 1849. The Town having met at half past two o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment from the fifth Instant the following further proceedings were had viz;-

Read the proceedings of the last Meeting

The Committee chosen at the last Meeting made their report which is in the following words and figures,

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Selectmen on widening the road near the Boston and Worcester R.R. Depot in Grafton have attended to that duty, and report that at an early day we met upon said road and after viewing the work and hearing the statements of a majority of the building Committee and one of the Selectmen, we felt to exonerate the committee from any usurpation of authority in putting in the wall in as much as they refused to do it unless it could be done without being brought before the town for acceptance, whereupon it was done by direction or order of the Selectmen, by reason of an agreement said to have been made by those that laid out the road with the Rail Road Corporation, which agreement was not in their report to the town and which has greatly increased the expense of said road, and on that account the cause of this investigation, but to continue the project your Committee your committee were of opinion that it would be the cheapest to take off the upper part of the wall so much of the way as would be in danger of falling and place it against the lower part and slope of the gravel for bracing, but in consulting with Mr. Allen for a small piece of land we found it would cost 8 cents pr ft. or 20 dollars pr. rod at least and he was not willing to sell it, and proposed to take the responsibility of putting the wall on the line of the road, by diging to the hard pan or suit-

pilings in the mud for foundation, and upon our solicita=
tions he provided to examine the mud which was from 6 to
12 feet deep and after making calculations he said the Expen=
se probably would be five hundred dollars. but he would unde=
rtake it if the Town would pay him four hundred, saying
he would give one hundred to have it done to his minds,

After hearing his proposals your committee came to the
conclusions that it would be better for the Town to accept
so much of the report as lay across the soft ground which
would be suffiient to brace the wall upon, leaving the house
lots and all building unmolested which most certainly will
remove all grievances of damage to them and by plaing
a railing on the line of the former layout would make
the road safe for the community and sufficiently or=
namented for the present, —

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton Nov. 12. 1849. —

Oliver M. Brigham
Luke Leland
Jon^a Warren

Accepted November 12th. 1849 —
Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

"We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of
Grafton have widened a town way recently laid
out by said town of Grafton near the Boston & Worcester
Rail Road as petitioned for by the Committee, —
chosen by the town to construct said road, and
also by other voting citizens of the town, . —

It appearing to the Selectmen that its present
width of two rods is insufficient to enable the Comm=
ittee above mentioned to ever complete the road,

The South line of the road as now located
is as follows, Beginning at the East end of the road
and passing over land of Abner Harlow S. 82°. W. 11 rods &
15 links to a stake, then over land of same S. 75°. W. —
20 rods & 18 links to a stake and stones, at land

Samuel H. Allen at this point the road is 2 3/5 rods wide and and will take of said Harlows land 6 21/100 Square rods — then over land of said Allen S. 73° 40' W. 23 17/20 rods to a stake — at this point the road is 3 rods wide, then over land of same S. 85° W. 4 11/20 rods to the northeast corner of said Allens Store, at this point the road is 2 28/100 rods wide then two last courses take of said Allens land 19½ Square rods, —

The north line of the road remains the same as before the widening, —

And we agree with the said Harlow for his damage at fifty dollars pir acre, which will be one dollar and ninety four cents for the amount of land taken, to be paid by the said town of Grafton before the road is opened, and the said Harlow releases all the damage for widening the road through his lands, — To Samuel H. Allen for his damages for his lands which said widening takes, the Selectmen have assessed the sum of twenty Dollars to be paid by the town as before mentioned, — Which said road is at present widened is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when so accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public townway.

Dated at Grafton this twenty sixth day of October in the year 1849. —

A. M. Bigelow, John Waterman, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, Gilbert C. Daft. } Selectmen of Grafton,

Recieved October 29th 1849. —
Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

Accepted by the Town November 12th. 1849.
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk

And by Vote the Meeting was dissolved —
attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting, —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to Meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the twelfth day of November next, at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing, —

And also to Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one Ballot, And for Representative on Seperate Ballots, —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above officers at ten O'Clock in the forenoon of said day. —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to Meet at the place above named at 2. O'Clock P.M. on said day to act on the following articles viz: —

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting, —

2d. To accept a list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Center of said Town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, — Farnums Ville and Saunders Village ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Here of fail not, and Make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to our selves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. — —

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.—

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Fast.—

} Select men of Grafton,

Worcester ss. — November 12th. 1849.—

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the town of Grafton Pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,—

A True Copy of warrant and the return Made Thereon,
Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on the twelfth day of November being the second Monday of said Month A.D. 1849.— for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the commonwealth,. and for five Senators for the District of Worcester, all on one Ballot, Also for a Representative to Represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next,

The whole Number of Ballots given in for Governor was. Five hundred thirty five. Viz:—

For Governor.

George N. Briggs had Two hundred ten Votes.—	210.
Stephen C. Phillips had Two hundred fifty one Votes,	251.
George S. Boutwell had Seventy four votes.	74.
	535

The whole number of Ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was Five hundred thirty three. —

For Lieutenant Governor.

John Reed, had two hundred ten Votes,	210. Votes
John Mills, had Two hundred fifty Votes	250 "
Henry W. Cushman had Seventy three Votes	73 "
	533. "

For Senators for the District of Worcester and the Whole number of ballots was Five hundred and twenty four, and the whole number of Votes were sorted counted and recorded as before and declaration thereof Made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons viz: —

Whig Ticket. —

Alexander H. Bullock of Worcester, had Two hundred three Votes,
Paul Whitin of Northbridge had Two Hundred three Votes,
Ebenezer Torry of Fitchburg had Two hundred five Votes,
Joseph White of Winchendon had Two hundred five Votes,
George Davis of Sturbridge had Two hundred five Votes,

Union Ticket. —

Pliny Merrick of Worcester had Three hundred Eighteen Votes,
Alexander De Witt of Oxford had Three hundred fifteen Votes,
Edward B. Bigelow of Grafton had Three hundred thirteen Votes,
John Raymond of Hardwick had Three hundred Nineteen Votes,
Amasa Walker, of North Brookfield had Three hundred Eighteen Votes,

Scattering votes.

Otis Adams of Grafton had Three votes,
Francis Howe. had Three Votes
Ivers Phillips had Three Votes,
B. F. Thomas, had one Vote, —

For a Representative in General Court to be holden at Boston on The first Wednesday of January. 1850.
The whole number of Ballots was Five hundred twenty two,

Necessary to a choice two hundred sixty two votes. —
John Whitney, had Three hundred nine votes and is chosen,
Chandler M. Pratt, had one hundred ninety nine votes.
Levi Rawson, had Eight votes, — . —
Otis Adams, had five votes, & Austin Holbrook had one vote.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on the twelfth day of November A.D. 1849. at 2. O'clock P.M. pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had. — to wit: — .

Art. 1.st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams Moderator of the Meting.

Art. 2d. The Selectmen read a list of names prepared to be placed in the Jury Box. and the Town voted to accept of said list which are as follows viz: —

Liberty Wood, Samuel Woods, Edward B. Bigelow
Lawson Munyan, Elijah Kimball, Luke Leland
John Putnam Jr, Benjamin W. Fay, Rufus E. Warren
Charles Brigham, Luther Wright, Jefferson Billows
Samuel W. Putnam, Leander S. Pratt, Silas Forbush
Jonathan Warren, John Waterman, Otis Adams —
John Whitney, John W. Slocomb, John P. Hayden
H. H. W. Sigourney, Willard S. Wood, Frederick Waterman
Levi N. Leland, Oliver M. Brigham, Charles Goddard
Joseph Kimball, Chandler M. Pratt, Jonathan W. Stow
Noah Kimball, Seth J. Axtell. — Lewis Holbrook
Erastus Fisher, Solomon Carroll, Abraham M. Bigelow
Asa F. Smith, Josiah B. White, Joseph Batchelder
Royal A. Keith, Samuel F. Redding, Jonathan D. Wheeler
Ezek Saunders, Benjamin Kingsbury, Calvin W. Forbush
Philip Wing. — Nathan Hancock, Horace P. Brown

All which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton Nov 12. 1849.

A. M. Bigelow, John Waterman, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, Gilbert C. Taft. — Selectmen of Grafton

And by vote the Meting was dissolved Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the tenth day of December next at 1. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles; to wit;

1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2d. To see if the town will choose a committee to build or cause to be built a town road recently laid out by the Selectmen from Robert Lathes to the Sutton line near the bridge at Wilkinsonville, as petitioned for by A. S. Phillips and others or act thereon,

3d. To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon,

4th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-Houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders-Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and forty Nine.

A. M. Bigelow
John Waterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Taft,
} Select Men of Grafton,

Worcester ss. December 10th. 1849. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A True copy of warrant and the return thereon Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.

At a legal Meting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in Grafton on Monday the tenth day of December A.D. 1849.- the following proceedings were had; to wit:-

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Charles Brigham Moderator of the Meting,-

Art. 2d. Voted to Choose a committee to Make or cause to be Made the road from Robert Lathes to Sutton line near the bridge at Wilkinsonville, voted to have a committee of three.-

By vote Chose Lewis Holbrook
" " " Philip Wing
" " " Austin Holbrook
} Committee,-

Art. 3d. No reports being offered voted to pass over the article for the present.-

Art. 4th Motion was made in writing that the Town Treasurer be hereby Authorized to borrow the Sum of two thousand dollars where he can best obtain it, for which he shall give his Note as Treasurer of the town of Grafton promising payment with interest.-

And by vote This Meeting was dissolved.

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.-

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fourth day of March next at 9. o'Clock A. M. to act on the following Articles, to wit: — . — . —

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting. —
" 2d. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, —
" 3d. To choose all Nessary Town Offiurs for the year ensuing, —
" 4th. To hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon,
" 5th To determine the Manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges within said town the year year ensuing and fix the compensation for Labor employed Thereon, — . —
" 6th. To raise such Sums of Money as may be necessary to defray town Charges the year ensuing and make appropriations of the same, or act thereon
" 7th. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine and direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector or act thereon. —
" 8th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead, or act thereon, —
" 9th. To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon. — . — .
" 10th. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the poor and act thereon. — — . —
" 11th. To hear the Report of the Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" and act thereon, —
" 12th To see if the town will Authorize the several prudential Committeemen to employ the School teachers in their respective Districts, or act thereon, —

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will establish a "High School" and determine the place or places where it shall be kept and provide a suitable School room or rooms for the same and make appropriations for those purposes or act thereon, —

" 14th. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to build or cause to be built the Wheeler Bridge, the Bridge in New England Village, on the road leading to Worcester, and the Bridge near the house of Samuel Dispeau. or act thereon, —

" 15th. To see if the town will cause one of their Church Bells to be rung at 12. O' Clock M. and at 9 o. Clock P. M. or act thereon,

" 16th. hear the report of any out Standing Committee, and act thereon,

" 17th. To accept town Debts, —

" 18th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money to pay all Town debts, or act thereon, —

And You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said Town and at the Meting-houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of February in the year of our LORD. one thousand eight hundred and fifty. —

A. M. Bigelow } Select men
John Waterman }
Joseph Batchelder } of
Jonathan W. Stow } Grafton,
Gilbert C. Taft, }

Worcester ss. March 4. 1850.
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.
Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton.

A. True Copy attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

At the Annual Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on the fourth day of March A. D. 1850. being the first Monday of said Month, the following proceedings were had; to wit: —.

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams. Moderator of said Meting. —

Art. 2d. For County Treasurer Anthony Chase of Worcester had One hundred and Thirty nine votes, . — , — 139. votes.—

Art. 3d. By Ballot Chose. Abraham M. Bigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stowe
John Whitney —
Jefferson Bellows,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

who all appeared on the Same 4th. Day of March 1850 And were Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duty By Otis Adams. Moderator,

By Ballot chose Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk. who at the time on the same day was Sworn by Otis Adams, Moderator —,

By Ballot Chose Jonathan Warren Town Treasurer, Who was Sworn by Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk March 7. 1850. —

Voted to take up the fourth Article and act thereon,

Art. 4th. The Selectmen made their Report which is in the following words and figures, viz: — . .

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the town of Grafton, at the completion of their Official duties for the year now ending, would submit a Statement of the condition of the town, and ask leave to report as follows. —

They have Settled with Jonathan Warren Esqr. Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct, and is as follows, — . —

1849
March 2. Amount in the hands of Treasurer and Collector . — . — . — $. 808. 06

April 2.	Rec.d	interest on E. Singletary's Note.	60.00
" 30.	"	of Worcester County Institution for Savings	2500.00
May 28.	"	" do. do. do. do. do.	1200.00
Dec. 21.	"	" Levi C. Heywood.	1300.00
"	"	Walter Batcheller for Pedlers License	8.00
1850 March. 1.	"	" Selectmen for use of Town Hall	23.98
"	"	" do. from sale of Powder House.	4.00
"	"	" from State School funds.	148.32
"	"	" for Support of State Paupers.	35.87
"	"	" for Town & County Taxes for 1849.	8614.31
			$. 14702.54

1850

March 1.	Paid	Interest on town Debts	439 57
"	"	" Town Note to Moses Stockwell.	1200.00
"	"	" " " to Joseph Bassett	2500.00
"	"	" & int. to Providents in. for Savings at Boston	103.67
"	"	" Assessors order for abatement of Taxes.	30.60
"	"	" Insurance on Poor house Furniture & Barn,	51.50
"	"	" County order.	954.20
			$. 6206.54
"	"	Paid Committee for purchasing and setting trees around the Burying Grounds.	91.83
"	"	for Breaking out roads in 1848 & 1849.	16.24
"	"	" Ringing Bell from Apr. 1st 1848 to Apr. 1st 1849.	25.00
"	"	" General School Committee for Services in 1848 & 49	92.00
"	"	" Support of Common Schools in 1849 & 50	2138.10
"	"	" Overseers of the Poor.	805.00
"	"	" H. M. Tyler for Coffins for the Poor.	18.00
"	"	" for Repairing Bridges in 1848 & 49	102.45
"	"	" Samuel Hall for Services as Sexton	67.50
"	"	" Making Taxes in 1849.	88.41
"	"	" Committee for building road at New England Village	279.37
"	"	" Committee for building Road from Farnumsville to Upton.	1415.00
"	"	" Committee for Repairing Poor House.	724.20
"	"	" Discount & collecting Taxes.	852.19
"	"	" Sundries not enumerated above.	224.09
			$. 13145.92

Whole amount of Receipts	$14702.54
Do. Do. of Expenditures	13145.92
Balance in the hands of Treasurer & Collector	$. 1556.62

Resources of the Town.

1850 March 1. Balance in Treasurer & Collectors hands	$. 1556.62
School fund note, interest to be applied to Schools	1000.00
A. Farm & buildings thereon valued at	4800.00
Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming utensils & House hold Furniture as valued by oversers of the Poor.	1516.94
25 acres Wood land as appraised by said oversers.	800,00
	$. 9673.56

Liabilities

1850 Mar. 1. One Note to Abigail Russell of Sutton	1000.00
" " " " " B. F. Chase of Sutton	1200.00
Three Notes to Worcester County In. for Savings	5700.00
one " " Levi C. Heywood	1300.00
Three Notes to Charles Goddard & others for land purchased for a Cemetery. — . — . —	$ 893.95
	10093.95

Whole Amount of Liabilities	$10093.95
Whole Amount of assetts.	9673.56
Balance of Liabilities over assetts	$. 420.39

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Grafton March 4. 1850.

A. M. Bigelow, John Waterman, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, Gilbert C. Taft, } Selectmen of Grafton,

Voted to accept of this Report.

Took up the third article -

Art. 3d. voted to have three oversers of the Poor the ensuing year.

By Ballot Chose Oliver M Brigham, Charles Goddard, Lewis Holbrook } oversers of the Poor all on one Ballot.

Art. 32. Voted to have three Assessors the ensuing year —
Voted to choose them all on one Ballot. — .

By Ballot chose Samuel Wood } Sworn May 6. 1850. —
Charles Prentiss } Sworn apt. 8th Assessors. 1850 by O. M. Brigham Jus. Peace
William Rice. } Sworn May 6. 1850

Voted to have five for the General School committee for the ensuing year. Voted to choose all on on Ballot. — . —

By Ballot chose. Rev. Thomas b. Biscoe } General
" Edmund B. Willson } voted to Excuse Mr. Willson, by his request
" George T. Day. } School Committee
" Samuel Brimblecom } Excused.
" William Leverett }
Dost. George A. Fields. }

Voted to have six Constables the ensuing year —

By Ballot chose Charles Prentiss } Sworn apt. 8th. 1850 by O. M. Brigham Just. Peace,
Samuel A. Knox } Sworn March 11. 1850
Barnabas Newton } Sworn May 6. 1850. — } Constables
Leonard S. Wheelock } Sworn March 27th. 1850. —
Augustus Slocomb } Sworn March 1850
James G. Putnam }

Voted to choose the Highway Surveyors by hand Vote, —
Voted to have thirteen Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway taxes for the ensuing year, — . —

By vote chose. Nathan Hancock } Sworn April 16. 1850.
" " " Rufus Prentiss } Sworn March 7. 1850.
" " " Calvin S. Thurston } Sworn March 9. 1850
" " " Samuel C. Bennett } Excused & Hollis Chamberlain in his stead
" " " Bradford Chase, } Sworn March 14. 1850.
" " " Chandler M. Pratt, }
" Sworn Apl. 1. 1850 Benjamin S. Watson } " Highway Surveyors and
" Sworn Apl. 10. 1850 Erastus Fisher } Collectors of highway taxes.
" " " Benjamin Kingsbury } Sworn March 13. 1850. —
" " " Lewis H Bigelow } Sworn April 1. 1850
" " " Adolphus Fowler } Sworn March 11. 1850. —
" " " Benjamin Heywood Jr. } Sworn March 13. 1850.
" " " Timothy Hunt. } Sworn March 15. 1850. —

Voted to have ten fire wards for the year ensuing. —

By vote chose John W. Slocomb } auctr Apnl 1. 1850.—
Benjamin Kingsbury } auctr March 13. 1850
David Jourdan.
David Chase.
Charles B. Jencks } Fire wards. —
Jefferson Bellows
Philip Wing
Eseck Saunders
Chandler M. Pratt,
Samuel Wood,

Voted to have five field Driver for the ensuing year —.

By vote chose David Chase } Sworn by C. B. Jencks Apl. 29. 1850
attest Charles Bradley Jr Select m
Elijah Stow } Sworn March 8. 1850
Joshua W. Leland
Jonathan W. Stow } Field Drivers,
E. B. Bigelow

Voted the Select men be authorized to appoint the Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the year ensuing, —
also to appoint a Pound keeper. for the year ensuing. —

Voted to have five Surveyors of Lumber, — —

By vote Chose Noah Fletcher } Sworn March 13. 1850. —
Orris L. Bliss } Sworn March
Sworn Apl. 27. 1850 Solomon Carroll } Surveyors of Lumber
Benjamin Kingsbury
Samuel A. Knox } Sworn March 11. 1850. —

Voted to have one Sealer of weights and Measures. for the year ensuing. — —

By vote Chose Joseph W. Leland. Sealer of weight and Measures who come forward and was Sworn March 5. 1850. —

Voted to have three for Auditing Committee the year ensuing. —

By vote chose James G. Putnam
Samuel Harrington } Auditing Committee
Noah Kimball.

Voted to have two Sealers of Leather

By vote chose John Whitney and Jonathan Warren Sealers of Leather,

Art. 5th. Voted to repair the High ways. Town ways and Sluices of Eight feet across and under within said town in a Labor Tax. and to allow for man and for Oxen twelve and a half cents per hour for the time they work, and for tools it is left discretionary with the Surveyors. — "

Art. 6th. Voted to raise the sum of Eight Thousand five Hundred Dollars to defray town Charges the ensuing year,
Voted to appropriate Eighteen hundred dollars for Schooling the ensuing year. "
Voted to appropriate Twelve hundred dollars in a labor tax to be worked out on the highways, Town ways and Sluices within said Town of Eight feet across and under. —

Art. 7th. Voted the Collector of Taxes be authorised to make a discount of five per cent to all those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within sixty days after the tax Bill is delivered into the hands of the Collector;
Voted to put up the Collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder and the Collection was struck off at one per cent to Winthrop Faulkner, —
Voted to take up the third article in the warrant and act thereon. "

Art. 3d. By Ballot chose Winthrop Faulkner Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year. — Sworn March 19th 1850 By Charles Prentiss Town Clerk }
Took up the Eighth article. "

Art. 8th. Voted to pay the Sextons the same as last year. viz: — for digging and filling grave, ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death, Tolling it at the funeral, and attending with his horse and the Towns Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents, also that the friends of the deceased pay him one dollar more for his services, " . —

Art. 9th. The General School Committee Read their Report. the town voted to accept of said Report which is placed on file " . "
Took up the twelfth article in the warrant and acted thereon " .

Art. 12th. voted to authorize the Several Prudential Committeemen to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts the year ensuing, — — . —

Art. 13th. voted to pass over this article, —

Art. 14th. voted to Choose a Committee of three to build or cause to be built the Bridges named in this article. —

By vote chose Otis Adams
" " " Chandler M. Pratt
" " " Solomon Carroll
} Committee

Art. 15th voted the Selectmen be authorized to cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. o' clock M. and at 9. o' clock. P. M. — . the ensuing Year, — .

Art. 16th the Committee chosen to make such alterations and repairs on the buildings of the Town Farm, read their report, —

the town voted to accept said Report which is in the following words and figures; viz: —

To the Town of Grafton, Your Committee authorized Nov. th. 1848. to make such alterations and repairs on the buildings upon the town farm as in their Judgment was necessary to render them convenient for Almshouse buildings, have attended to that duty and present the following —

Report.

The season was so far advanced and Winter so close upon us when we received our instructions, that we deemed it inexpedient to commence general alterations, but only such as were immediately necessary to render the inmates comfortable during the winter season.

In the Summer of 1849. the Committee after having improved all the means of information within their reach in regard to the best plan for an Almshouse one that would best meet the wants of the town commenced Operations by taking down the Main Chimney, removing the foundation, and erected two new Chimneys, closed up the front Door,

made a new entrance on the east end of the house with an aisle leading from it nearly through and turning by an angle to the North side of the house. There are on the lower floor two Square rooms, one dining room & four bedrooms all with the exception of one bedroom open directly into said aisle, asso the Kitchen Cellar & Chamber Stairs,

The Chamber has an aisle similar to that below running nearly through the whole length of the building, with 2. Square rooms, & six sleeping rooms, all communicating directly with the above aisles, water-closets are conveniently attached to the aisles above & below on the back side of the house, the Cellar has been finished by constructing a flight of Stone Stairs from out side of the house, A Dairy Cellar has been partitioned off with brick walls and Stone floor, in the Northwest corner & the entire walls of the Cellar has been pointed with Morter, —

The Kitchen has undergone thorough repairs, made a new buttery in it, a new oven closed up the fire place Set a new Copper Kettle, reset an iron kettle. Set a new Sink & brought the water into the room by removing and repairing the Copper Pump, —

The out side of the house has been thoroughly-Repaired with some new windows, Doors &c. the front side of the Roof has been new Shingled & the large wood house-granery &c. fifty by twenty feet has has been nearly boarded a new & entirely new Shingled. The whole out side of the house has been painted with three good coats & sanded, —

The inside of the house been well finished, Painted & some papered. ——— ——— ———

The Committee have expended to make the above repairs, as follows. ——.

Carpenters work. —	270.00
Mason work . —	41.00
Painting Labor	63.75
Other Labour	117.80
Boarding hands. —	76.58

all kinds of materials, — — 394. 69
Committee Services . . — — 10. 00
Total cost of Repairs, — . — . $973. 82
Deduct for board at Establishment and Labor by agent. — . — . — } 162. 58
Leaving a balance . — . — . — $811. 24
which has been drawn from Treasury. —

Your Committee are of the Opinion that the Town are now furnished with an Alms-house fitted up in a pleasant neat & convenient Style one which is Creditable to the Town, and one that will not suffer in comparison with any other in the Commonwealth, —

All of which is respectfully submitted, —.

Grafton March 4th. 1850. —

Luke Leland
Benj W. Fay. —
Philip Wing } Committee
Charles Goddard
Lewis Holbrook }

The Overseers of the Poor made their Report. which is in the words and figures following; viz: —

The Overseers of the Poor present the following Report to the Town. —

Expence of Supporting Paupers on the Town Farm past year — . — . — . — . — .

Interest on farm. . — — 228. 00
Expenses incured in carrying on farm, Boarding, Nursing & Clothing the Inmates, . — } 446. 11
Paid for Stock . — . 224. 00
Agents Salary . — . 300. 00
Medical Attendance and Medicine . 19. 78
Total . — $1217. 89

Balance of Inventory above last year 430. 20
Amount of Produce sold off Farm. — 356. 82
Boarding Carpenters Masons, Painters &c, 76. 58
Labor of Agent Man & team on Repairs 88. 25
Due for Support of State Paupers. — 29. 63

whole amount. — . — .	$. 981.48
Leaving a balance for supporting on farm	236.41
whole Number support on farm past year —	18.
Number of weeks board . — .	279.
Average cost per week including Agents salary Interest on farm Medical attendance & Medicine.	84.

Expense of supporting Paupers off of Town farm past year . — . —

For support of Sally Phillips, —	45.99
" " " Lucian Stone. , —	26.00
" " " Deborah Warren , —	29.00
" " " Charles M. Sherman. , —	23.25
" " " Emma L. Sherman , —	10.75
" " " Joshua Robinson , —	3.64
" " " Family of Lyman F. Bolster, —	4.00
" " " Salmon Hathaway for Susanna Douglas	9.48
" " " Michael Lalla . —	11.50
Physicians Bills . , —	15.59
assisting Poor families. —	3.58
Total Expense of Supporting Paupers off Farm,	$. 182.78
whole number Supported or assisted . —	. 9
Cost of supporting Lunatics past year. -	
Paid for support of Rufus A. Johnson	121.34
whole number supported or assisted during past year, . — . — . — . —	.30
whole amount of Expense for supporting paupers, Lunatics & past year,	540.53
Less than last year,	244.32

Our Town farm, formerly, one of the most productive in town, has been very much reduced by continual renting, cropping & bad managements for the last twenty years. but will no doubt improve under skilful cultivation, — . —.

The overseers congratulate the town on the successful Experement of the first year with our new and large farm, — .

There seams to be a difference of opinion in the

community whither a large or small farm is most profitable for a Pauper Establishment, and some of our citizens have expressed a desire to have a part of our farm sold. —

We present before you the results of one year with a large farm and it is the opinion of the oversers that the Town had better keep the farm together for the present and try the experiment one year longer at least, —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted, —

Grafton March 1st. 1850. —

Oliver M. Brigham
Lewis Holbrook
Charles Goddard
} oversers of the Poor,

voted to accept of the above Report. — —

The Selectmen Read their Report on Guide Boards and Posts within said Town. —

Voted to accept of said Report. which is as follows. —

The Selectmen of Grafton ask leave to present their report of all the plans at which Guide Posts are erected, and such other plans where in their opinion they ought to be erected and maintained within the said Town of Grafton, as follows viz: — . —.

At the corner of the road near the house of Calvin W. Forbush, at the corner near the house of Jonathan D. Wheeler, at the corner near the house of Samuel H. Allen, at the corner near the house of Robert Prentiss, at the corner of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads a little South of the last named place, — at the corner near the house of Joseph Breed, at the corner near the house of William A Fisk, at the corner between the last named place and the house of John Dunn deceased, at the corner a little north of the house of Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian Burying Ground, at the corner near the Meeting house in Farnumsville, at the corner near the house of David Farnum, at the corner near the house of Widow Gleason, at the corner near the house of Nelson Perry, at the corner near the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the School house in

Saunderville, at the corner near the house of John Hitchings, at the corner near the house of Otis Converse, at the corner near the house of Leander S. Pratt, at each of the corners between the Burying-ground and the house of Samuel Dispeaux at the corner of the Providence and Westboro' roads next to the last named place, at the corner near the house of Mr. Bassett, at the corner near the Meeting-house in New England Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jasper W. Putnam, at each of the corners Northerly of Tarrant Merriams, at the corner near the house of Charles T. Fay, at the corner near the house of Nathan S. Wheelock, at the corner near the house of the late Elijah Brooks, at the corner near the house of Solomon E. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Ezekiel Fairbanks, at the corner near the house of Joseph Kimball at the corner North of the house of Solomon Carroll, —

And they recommend that one be erected at the corner near the house of Silas Eddy, and at the corner near the house of Benjamin W. Fay, —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted, —

A. M. Bigelow
John Watterman
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
Gilbert C. Fay,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Art. 18th.-

Motion was made in writing, (by Mr. Samuel Wood.-
That the Town Treasurer be hereby authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars from the State Treasurer, interest to be paid semi annually, for which he shall give his note as Treasurer of the Town of Grafton promising payment with interest semi annually, The money to be appropriated for the payment of notes against said Town of Grafton, which were given for the payment of making roads laid out by the County Commissioners, in payment for a pauper Farm and a Cemetery for burying the dead. —
The Town voted to adopt ~~of~~ this Motion. —

Took up the third article.
Voted to choose Three Fence viewers for the ensuing Year. — — —

Art. 3d. By vote chose Solomon Carroll. } Sworn April 27th. 1850.
" " " Ethan R. Thompson } Sworn Sept. 3 Fence viewers. 1850.
" " " Samuel Dispeau. } Sworn September 3. 1850.

Art. 17th voted to accept Town Debts

Rev. Edmund B. Willson amount as General School Committee man. — $24.00

And by vote the meting was adjourned to Monday the first day of April next at 3. o' Clock

Attest

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

Appointments Made by the Selectmen agreable to the vote of the Town. March 18th. 1850.

Joel W. Fay. Pound Keeper

Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing Year.

Augustus Slocomb
Charles A. Pierce
Samuel Harrington
Rufus E. Warren.
Winthrop Faulkner Declines accepting.
C. B. Jencks
Lucius M. Smith
Samuel A. Knox
Lewis H. Bigelow Sworn April 1. 1850.
William B. Nolen
Levi N. Leland
Gilbert C. Taft
Benjamin Kingsbury
Thomas A. Buffum,

Charles B. Jencks appointed Sexton by the Select Men April 1st. 1850 for New England Village so called in said Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, — — . Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the Select men for three County Commissioners on one Ballot, also for Two Special Commissioners, on one Ballot, for the County of Worcester, all being inhabitants of different Towns in said County, — . —

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet on said day, and at the same place at two o'clock P. M, to act on the following articles, viz: —

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting, —

" 2d. To see if the town will purchase a Small Strip of land of Charles Goddard to straighten the road through the Gravel-Hill, commencing near the corner of the road and ending near the house of Perley Goddard, as petitioned for by C. W. Forbush and others, or act thereon, . —

" 3d. To see if the town will extend the power of the Collector of Taxes, the same as given to Treasurer when acting as collector, agreable to an act of March 5th 1850. or act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village, to stand ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, — with your doings thereon to the Select men at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty. — ——

(up)

A. N. Bigelow } Select-men
Joseph Batchelder }
Jonathan W. Stow } of
John Whitney }
Jefferson Bellows } Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

Grafton April 1st. 1850. - I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the meting-houses in said Grafton pursuants to the directions in said warrants, —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton, —

A true copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April A. D. 1850. for the purpose of Giving in their votes to the Select-men for three County Commissioners on one Ballot, also for Two Special Commissioners on one Ballot for the County of Worcester, all being inhabitants of different towns in said County. — — —

Whole Number of Ballots Two Hundred twenty nine.

For County Commissioners.

David Davenport, of Mendon, had Ninety votes. — — 90.
Jerome Gardner, of Harvard, had Eighty Eight votes. — 88.
Joseph Bruce, of Grafton, had Seventy nine votes. — 79.
Otis Adams, of Grafton, had one hundred thirty one votes. 131.
Bowers Nye, of North Brookfield, had, one hundred thirty nine votes. 139.
Asaph Wood, of Gardner, had one hundred thirty six votes. 136.

Scattering votes.

C. M. Pratt. had two votes. — — — 2
Winthrop Faulkner, had, one vote — — 1
Eseh Saunders, had, one vote, — — 1
James G. Putnam, had, one vote, — — 1
Stephen Davis, had, one vote, — — 1
Benj.a Hay, had, one vote, — — 1

Whole Number of Ballots Two hundred twenty two. —

For Special Commissioners. —

Stephen Davis of Oxford, had. Eighty seven votes. — 87.
Jason Goulding, of Phillipston, had. Eighty Six votes — 86.
Edward H. Hemenway, of Worcester has one hundred thirty five votes, — 135.
Thomas Billings, of Templeburg, had one hundred thirty four votes, — 134.
Jeremiah Bond. had two votes. — .2
Lawson Munyan, had two votes, .2

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of of Grafton held on the same day and at the same place at 2. o' clock. P.M. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had; to wit: — . .

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams Moderator of said Meting.
Art. 2d. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to inform Themselves and Make report at future time or Meting.
By vote chose Liberty Woods
" " " Lewis Holbrook } Committee. —
" " " C. W. Forbush —
Art. 3d. voted to Extend the Power of the Collector of taxes the same as given to the Treasurer, when acting as collector, agreeable to an act passed March 5th. 1850 — —

And by vote the Meting was dissolved Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

April 1st. 1850. The Town having met at 3. o' clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Meting held March 4th. 1850, the following further proceedings were had. To wit. — . — — —

After reading the records of the last Meting. —
voted to take up the 3d. Article in the Warrant. —
Art. 3d. voted to excuse Samuel C. Bennett Serving as High way Surveyor and By vote chose Holles Chamberlain in his Stead,

Voted to excuse Joshua W. Leland serving a field Driver, and
By vote chose Sumner C. Stow field Driver in his Stead.

Voted to Excuse Rev. George T. Day, by his request as one of the
General School Committee-men and By Ballot Chose —
William F. Slocum one of the General School Committe
in his Stead, —
Voted to Excuse James G. Putnam serving as Constable and
By ballot chose Ebenezer Aldrich, Constable in his Stead
who come forward and was Sworn April 6th. 1850 —
by me. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk.
Voted to add two more Constables for the Ensuing year, —
By Ballot chose Thomas A. Buffum
" " " Jesse Farnum. — } Constables. —
Voted to take up the 7th, article and act thereon, —
Art. 7th. Voted the Collector of taxes shall pay over all Monies he
May collect once a Month, to the Treasurer, and that all
Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury by the first day of
January next. — —
Voted the Collector be authorised to collect all poll taxes
within Sixty days after he receives the Tax Bill. —
The Committee Chosen this day to examine into the
right of the town to widen the road named in the
Second Article of the warrant for said Meeting Made
their Report that the town had no right to widen
Said road. —
Voted to take up the 17th article. — —
Art. 17th Voted to accept the following town Debts, —

William C. Richards	acct. —	5.00
Oversers of the Poor,	acct. —	30.00
Lewis Holbrook	acct.	5.00
Barnabas Newton	acct,	5.00

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

40. To the Citizens of Grafton, The Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" ask leave to present the following as their Report, In 1848 & 49. much time and money were expended in making Roads and walls, levelling and arranging the lots, Clearing up the brush, setting out trees &c. A Report was not made last year for the reason that several things were in an unfinished State as it was difficult to give a correct Statement.

The bal. in favour of Cemetery as reported March 2d. 1848. was.	$. 4. 36
Received since to date for lots lumber &c	254. 44
Total,	$. 258. 80
Expended for labour, lumber, trees &c. Four hundred Seventy Two 84/100 Dollars.	472. 84
Deduct Rct.	258. 80
	$. 214. 04

Resources of the trustees are as follows,

Amount due for lots &c. sold one hundred and one dollars.	101. 00
Doubtful Do.	10. 85
	111. 85
	$. 112. 19

Leaving the Trustes in debt, one hundred one 85/100 Dollars,

The number of lots taken up in 1848 to this date is 22.

The number Buried 50.

We would respectfully request that two hundred Dollars be granted by the town to liquidate the Debt & make further improvements.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

In behalf of the trustes,

A. F. Smith, Chairman,

Grafton April 1. 1850.

April 1. 1850. voted to accept this Report.

Attest. Charles Prentiss. Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the tenth day of June next at 2. o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. —

" 2d. To see if the town will choose an agent or agents to appear before the County Commissioners on the third Tues day of June next and defend the interests of the town against the claims of Samuel H. Allen growing out of a new town road recently located near the Grafton Depot, said Allen having Petitioned said Commissioners to grant a Jury to assess him higher damages than were allowed him by the Select-men of Grafton who located said road, or act thereon, —

" 3d. To see if the town will adopt any method for altering or repairing the town-hall or make any arrangements with the Congregational Society for any part of their Meting-house for the purpose of enlarging said Hall, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meting-houses in New England Village, and Saunders Village, to stand over Two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting. — . —.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of of meeting as aforesaid. — . —

Given under our hands this thir-tenth day of May in the year of

Our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

A. M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelder, John Whitney } Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. June 10th. 1850. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in said Town, pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 10th day of June A. D. 1850. the following proceedings werehad; to wit: —

Art 1st. By Ballot Chose Charles Brigham. Moderator of the Meeting.

" 2d. Moved and voted to Choose an agent to appear before County Commissioners and defend the Interests of the Town against the claims made by Samuel H. Allen as mentioned in this article. —

By vote Chose William F. Sloum. agent for said Town. to defend this case &c. —

" 3d. Voted to Choose a Committee to act on this article, — voted the Committee consist of three to meet a committee of the Congregational Society and act thereon.

By vote Chose Otis Adams
" " " Charles Goddard
" " " Asa F. Smith
voted to add two More to said Committee
" " " Eseh Saunders
" " " Dea. Levi Rawson. } Committee,

And by vote adjourned this Meeting to Saturday next at 3. o'clock in the afternoon. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

June 15th 1850 The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 10th Inst. the following proceedings were had, to wit:-

Read the proceedings of the last meting, — — — — nothing being brought before the town to act upon. -

By vote dissolved this meting, —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

The following is the names of the Militia of the Town of Grafton as per List made by the Assessors for the year 1850. —

William S. Bruce, Francis Winn, Woodbury Cole, John Whitney, Dexter S. Bragg, Sewall A. Brown, Dexter D. Ball, Francis Spring, Benedict A. Green, Moses C. Woodbury, Stephen B. Gerry, Harris B. Gerry, George Dudley, Erastus Bates, Thomas J. Drury, — James C. Dodge, Manly C. Dodge, Thomas Blackwell, Leander Stockwell, James McHugh, Thomas Crompton, Charles W. Knowlton, Thomas J. Griggs, Michel Furney, Silas A. Forbush, Salem Griggs, Michel Bulger, George Webster, George D. Pratt, Mc — at Salem Grigg's, Gardner L. Batchelder, William C. Stockwell, Nathaniel Monroe, George W. Collier, Joel W. Fay, George R. Bates, Charles Jackson, George F. Slocomb, Samuel C. Whitney, Anson Hancock, Charles M. Barker, Joseph Sabron, Samuel Hutchinson, William S. Wood, Silas A. Pierce, Nathaniel Brown Jr, Artemas D. Baker, William P. Dowley, Lewis Daniels, Charles C. Buswell, William Mecorney, John Favour, John L. Mecorney John C. Bennett, Leander Smith, Abel L. Hawes, Frank Starks, - William H. Hall, Samuel P. Hall, Amariah Holbrook, Hezekiah Morse, Samuel A. Wheeler, Levi T. Benson, William Wallace, James Welch, Uriah Searles, James Roan, Patrick Smith, Elisha Bradish, David White Jr. Barnabas Newton, Willard A. Morse, C. A. Chapin, Emery Chapin, R. L. Witherbee, - Joseph Malay, John Casgrove, Tyler Harrington, Frederick Williams, Edwin S. Ball, Denny S. Putnam, Ezra Churchill, William Rowe, Levi P. Knight, Thomas Blackwell, Charles H. Newton, John Cann, Thomas Bradford, James Mc Tarney, John B. White, Silas Vinton, George H. Whitney, Edwin Willis

Linus E. Newhall, Warren Aldrich, Salmon D. Hall, Luke F. Allen, Samuel C. Flagg, Jonas C. Greenwood, Lewis W. Dodge, James W. White, James A. Kimball, Absalom Hastings, Wyman Fay, Otis Frissell, Hiram Fernald, Samuel W. Flagg, John W. Estabrook, Charles A. Wood, Daniel F. Witherbee, John Briggs, Horace Day, Reed F. Knowlton, David W. Carpenter, Elisha L. Livermore, Hanson G. Hinds, James G. Putnam, Levi C. Heywood, James H. Monroe, John Gately, Harvey J. Pratt, Martin R. Howe, John M. Davenport, Charles Cole, Charles A. S. Temple, William Holbrook, Alfred Holden, Charles Holden, H. D. P. Bigelow, Lorin Hastings, George W. Hale, John M. Sargent, Samuel G. Congdon, James McKinsey, John Atkins, Abel Maynard, Noah Fletcher, Martin Fassett, Charles A. Penniman, William Brown, George R. Enslow, Almond Mann, Minot Amsden, Perley Parsons, John H. Kimball, Luther C. Rawson, Francis Wheelock, Freeman N. Marble, Henry F. Wing, William M. Stow, Willard S. Wood, Harrison W. Wood, Sumner Eaton, Timothy Bosworth, Fisher A. Bosworth, James Pratt, Lysander Pratt, Albert J. Bowles, Luther Stowe, Winthrop Faulkner, Lovell Baker Jr, George W. Collier, George D. Whitney, George W. Warren, Horace S. Warren, George Bean, James McIntire, Royal A. Keith, William H. Slocum, Joseph W. Leland, Henry G. Fisk, Silas A. Forbush, Zanthy Parker, Hubbell Smith, Leander Flagg, Isaac J. Gibson, Horace Clark, John Healy, Hanson Chaffee, Humphrey M. Tyler, mr. Whitchell, Orrin McKnight, Freeman Gray, Levi Green, Joshua Congdon, Elijah L. Case, John Burns, Michel Galagar, Thomas Pogue, Charles Goddard Jr. Richard Chanacy, James Chanacy, Michel Galager, Asa Thurber, William Brewer, John C. Davis, Hamilton Redding, Comfort Chaffee, Thomas Clark, Leander S. Pratt, Patrick Conlon, Lewis Daniels, Augustus W. Brooks, Charles C. Brooks, Patterson Boyd, Abraham Vancuren, Thomas L. Jacobs, Alexander Jacobs, William Goodnough, Edwin Prentiss, William B. Story, Horatio C. Greenwood, William Bailey, Lewis C. Randall, James Martin, Perley Lackey, Francis Carroll, Benjamin S. Watson, Ethan A. Thompson, William A. Dispeau, Joseph D. Dispeau, Charles C. Boswell, Elisha Daniels, Ebenezer Hutchings, Henry A. Gifford, Henry Crockpin,

James Borrowman, Edmund F. Wheeler, Oliver H. Wheelock, Samuel B. Dolliver, Charles Prentice 2d. William O. Harkirty, John Muthare, Jonathan R. Putnam, William Thornton, George Wheelock, Ariel R. Davenport, Joshua E. Thompson, Willard Bellows, Edwin P. Flagg, Francis W. Jacobs, Jesse H. Smith, Lucius M. Smith, Leonard S. Wheelock, E. F. Lucas, William S. Snell, Adolphus F. Muzzy, Francis D. Pratt, Elbridge G. Harrington, Daniel Byron, Patrick Jennings, Thomas Johnson, Charles Vaslett, John Q. Adams, Daniel F. Wesson, Orin L. Davis, Austin Benway, Noah L. Goodrich, Daniel G. Fairbanks, William C. Leverett, Charles Whitlock, Daniel F. Young, James Rourke, John Maxey, George Cushman, Samuel Howard, Robert Reid, John W. Wheeler, Simeon Fuller, Eustus Fuller, Dennis Kenney, Stephen Foster, Leander Putnam, Edwin Smith, Otis Brown, Richard Steel, John Magennis, James Holt, Edward Argrave, Charles Phelps, Peter Sweet, Joseph Willard, Joseph Dagg, Joseph Leverett, Richard Odlum, Ira Lindsey, Franklin J. Lindsey, Sydney Bolton, Amos Fuller, Forrest Lindsey, Samuel W. Batchelder, Lorenzo H. Buck, Ephraim Bolton, Patrick Reddy, John S. Burns, Benjamin Ford, James W. Russell, Edwin Smith, Levi S. Jose, Charles C. Mower, Joseph Hartshorn, Charles C. Wood, William Taylor, William Booth, Henry G. Johnson, Levi Palmer, Peter C. Sargent, Nicholas W. Johnson, John G. Simonds, Franklin Baldwin, Cal C. Turner, Seth C. Winslow, Isaac D. Palmer Paul Sumner, Silas Snow, Charles Duval, Marcus M. Elliott, Peter Snow Jr. Rock Jacobs, John Snow 2d, John Snow Jr. Thomas W. Sawyer, William B. Annis, Harvey Annis, Charles B. Rand, George W. Pelsue, James H. Barrett, Loran Hoyle Jr. Loran Hoyle, Alonzo Putnam, John Fletcher, Charles Norcross, Peter Duso, Loring Larned, Jeremiah Larned, William Mayor, Patrick Horan, John Mc Quaid Barnabas Buck, Theodore Vandueren, Julius Lesson, Joseph Kelly, Juvenus J. Goodrich, David Chase, Andrew J. Wingate, James N. Wheeler, Charles H. Leland, John W. Albee, William B. Gifford, Henry W. Brewer, Jasper W. Putnam, Harrison H. Putnam, Franklin Bigelow, John Pinion, Aaron Vancuren, Albert Sweet, Charles H. Arnold, Edward Smith, Charles H. Jencks, Albert A. Smith, Franklin Wesson, Charles Kelly, James H. Barrett, P. C. Gosley, Joshua W. Harrington, Lewis H. Bigelow, Seth Rollins, Samuel W. Putnam James Owen,

Franklin L. Knox, Jonathan E. Nichols, Lucius G. Haywood, Samuel Pennock, Nathaniel F. Skinner, John B. Phelps, Henry H. Messenger, Joel F. Cobb, Joseph Dollivor, Clark Goulding, Charles R. Whitney, Samuel Chase, Daniel A. Wheeler, Hugh L. Ryant, Cyrus Scribner, Ansel Smith, John B. Smith, John W. Corbin, — Hanson F. Harrington, John Harrington, Emory A. Taft, — Warren S. Gay, Charles Goddard 2d, Hiram Baird, Elbridge G. Newton, George H. Rugg, John Winter, Henry Nelson, Henry Bathrick, Jasper S. Nelson, Thomas B. Heath, William Davis, Albert S. Drake, Leonard Nelson, Charles A. Fuller, John Nash, Noah K. Merriam, Benjamin Chaplin, Nathaniel W. Nurse, Orvis L. Bliss, Lyman B Barrett, Charles M. Hartwell, John B. Rice, Truman Jones, Daniel P. Hutchins, Walker Forehand, Jacob Spring, Charles Rice, Jephthah P. Newton, Henry Wright, Gilbert C. Taft, William Place, William S. Place, William Johnson, William L. Lewis, James G. Lake, William Harding, Charles A. Harrington, Levi G. Paine, John N. Willson, Chester W. Bailey, Elijah S. Munroe, Thomas Fishlock, George Odlum, Albert M. Stow, Andrew Gates, Calvin Patrick, Thomas Lenard, Maurice Riaridon, Thomas Aldrich, Austin Darling, S. O. De Forest, — Dennis Kelly, Ashley W. Rice, George A. Bartlett, Royal A. Leland, Samuel C. Leland, Charles H. Hudson, James F. Hudson, Michel Kineda, Theodore Brewer, Elkanah Rice, Ephraim C. Healy, Dennis F. Dunham, William Prentice, Moses L. Batchelder, John A. Crosbee, Edward Welch, Ebenezer R. Dodge, Andrew S. Phillips, Roswell Weed, — Leonard B. Hill, Frederick Spencer, David B. Chase, Cheney Lathe, Thomas Young, James Young Jr, Charles F. Pollard, River H. Pollard, Edwin C. Marsh, John Hitchens, Flint Howe, Benjamin Heywood Jr. John Bryden, Albert Houghton, John K. Jones, Martin Cornell, John P. Smith, Charles Chapman, Edmund Currier, Charles W. Foster, William Wood, Lafayette L. Smith, William H. Foster, Edward Ellis, Jonathan Bean, William Foster, Franklin Twinnell, Albert Kingsley, — James F. Lispett, Mathew Mc. Arthur, Harvlain T. Eddy, Mathias Mc. Loughlin John Roach, Amos D. Johnson, John Stanley, William Leighton, Andrew Doe, Mark Person, Jonas F. Brown, Michel Christian, Joseph G. Brown,

William L. Bliss, Dexter Gleason, David W. Brown, Harford P. Dunham, Delano P. Eddy, Erastus Fisher, Nelson K. Morse, Ora Gibbs, George W. Ferry, Gilbert C. Bowen, Edward Clark, Isaac Redding, John Brundrett, Thomas Tonge, Paul Benway, William C. Tucker, Constant R. Davis, Paul Pathro, Samuel C. Willis, Augustus Benway, James Gregory Jr. Horace Batchelor, Joseph D. Bowe, William Robbins, Thomas A. Buffum, Alfred Morse, Albert D. Kingsbury, William Fullerton Joseph W. Kenney, Stewart Woodburn, Arnold Sherman, Charles Hazer, George Woodburn, P. H. Cunningham, Eli Smith, Abramam M. Bigelow, Charles A. Pierce, Jonathan C. Warren, John Pogue, Jonathan H. Woods, Newell Wedge, Alanson Wedge, Calvin W. Forbush, Michl Jackson, William Giles, Warren Brigham, Lebina C. Lincoln, Eli B. Sadler, Michel Reynolds, Darius White, Nathaniel H. Odin, Josiah G. Hall, Sylvanus Bosworth, Amherst J. Ford, Francis N. Hall, Tarrant S. Sherman, Willard Clapp, Albert Bassett, Austin D. Bassett, Jason Bassett, — Hillel Baker, Charles Sherman, Isaac P. Wheler, David A. Fry, Amos R. Bates, Samuel Marsh, Bernard Fenson, Luke Fenson, John Young, Robert Maxwell, Thomas Young, Edward —, Richard Burns, Francis Brooks, John Stone, Andrew Dumore, Paul Labrie, Lewis Labrie, John Labrie, Edward Morrill, John Lemon, Alanson Bettis, Joseph Howard, Omer Aldrich, Thomas Gale, George W. Kelley, Benson Buxton, Daniel F. Putnam, Charles Howard, Darius Ferry, Silas Smith, Albert Foster, Eri Jackson, Amariah Holbrook, Jonathan A. Bates, Albert C. Williams, Henry Burns, Abraham W. Kempton, Walter H. Leighton, Albert J. Robbins, Lorin Davis, Horatio M. Davis, Stephen R. White, Edwin Smith, Daniel J. Smith, Reuben Taylor, King Morse, Harry Brown, Orin R. Clark, Charles E. Thayer, Otis Fuller, Daniel R. White, Joseph H. Clark, Benson Robry, Simeon Coomb, George Belding, Moses Frost, Nathan Handy, — Cyrus Ferry, Darius Ferry Jr, Thomas Cady, William Ferry, Nelson Ferry, William A. Fisk, David R. Chamberlain, Henry Easter, Mathew A. Cox, Frederick Waterman, Charles E. Jourdan, Charles R. Prentice, Josiah H. Hammonds, Roswell A. Smith, Charles B. Demond, William Stilphen, Richard Waterman, Bradley Hews,

Layo Wood, Lewis Wood, Joseph Wood Jr. Daniel Whitney, Harrison Eames, Augustus Salsbury, David Salsbury, Lewis Sumner, Sumner E. Stow, Ezra J. Rockwood, Job Johnson, George A. Brown, William Shurtleff, Thomas M. Shurtleff, Henry L. Hall, Israel Brown, William W. Merrill, William L. Sibley, Charles J. Jenkins, Joel Taft, Sylvanus W. Harrington, Lyman P. Burnham, Benjamin Crooker, Samuel Young, William Hamilton, Philip Raby, Andrew H. White, Henry G. Prentiss, Henry R. Keith, Jonathan S. Fisk, Philip Raby. Patrick Casworth, Harlow Wolcutt, Elliot E. Jourdan, William L. Sibley, Marcus Harotain, Calvin S. Thurston, Levi N. Leland, Lawson Munyan, Moses P. Stow, Leonard Brown, Otis C. Fay, John Laffee, Jonathan C. Forbush. — John P. Hayden, John Brewer, William Harrington, Barney McManners, John S. Sweeney, Patrick Flinn, John C. Stow, Thomas C. Baldwin, Samuel P. Baldwin, Mathew McDiff, Thomas J. Goss, John Sargent, Abial C. Boynton, Isaac L. Dunkley. Patrick Garvin, Thomas Gavern, Cyrus W. Stratton, Samuel B. Flagg, Joseph C. Flagg, John H. Stiles, Edward P. Dennis, Winsor Cooper, Samuel S. Drury, Peter Hunt, Geo. Richardson, Charles D. Holmes, Edwin C. Hall, John T. Brooks, Jonathan W. Stow, Thomas Dowley, Michel Kuff. Joseph A. Merriam, Bradford Chase, Elbridge Forbush, Cyrus E. Dalrymple, — Jonathan B. Sibley, Charles Merriam, Charles Rowell, Sylvester Cole, John G. Merriam, Cyrus N. French, — Ambrose Spencer, Wyoma Algier, Noah Gates, Phineas Gates Jr. John M. Newton, Stephen V. Thomas, Jarvis C. Munyan, Cornelius S. Bullen, Joseph B. Adams, — Lewis C. Holden, Charles Adams, Nathaniel Adams, Joseph Adams 2d, David Chaffee, Sewell Morse, James Wright, Patrick Flanly, James Burns, Michel Megan, Jonas Monroe, Patrick Dority, Daniel Kilbough, Thomas Dority, Patrick Kilbough, Peter Galula, Hollis Chamberlain, Charles L. Chamberlain, Frederick Brimblecom, Francis A. Brimblecom, William Brimblecom, Henry Wesson, Michel Fogarty, Curtis Maynard, Joseph Willard, Charles W. Mitchell, Ephraim L. Goulding, Patrick Hays, Thomas G. Flint, Luther W. Lawrence, Henry Emery,

Nathaniel L. Chaffin, Adolphus H. Goodrich, Seward M. Brown, Elijah B. Brooks, Horace N. Barton, Leander Putnam, William J. Barker, Seth J. Axtell, Thomas Leland, James B. Stratton, William Bradish, Charles M. Smith, Patrick Bellew, John N. Leland, Levi B. Bigelow, Lewis Whitney, Martin Corbett, Samuel C. Bennett, Joseph C. Bennett, Albert A. Smith, Cyrus D. Aldrich, John Fouy, Solomon C. Goulding, Joseph Copeland, William Sinkley, John C. Knowlton, Elijah B. Knowlton, William S. Gates, Thomas Coutts, Benjamin Robinson, John Lee, George A. Field, George N. Barns, David Fisher Jr. Asa H. Smith, Augustus Knowls, William Minor, Michel Carter, John L. Adams, John Daniels, Sylvester Chaffee, Arad Ball, John Smith, Artemas D. Briggs, Total. is 806.

The above is the whole of the Militia of the Town.

Grafton May 30th. 1850.

Samuel Wood
Charles Prentice
Wm. Rice. } Assessors of Grafton,

We the undersigned, duly appointed to perambulate the town line between Worcester & Grafton, met this day for the aforesaid purpose, at a stone-Monument in land of Samuel Jennison Esq, it being a corner of Millbury & Worcester and a side line of Grafton, and proceeded thence to a like Monument on the bank of Flints pond, - said line extending into said pond to meet Shrewsbury corner, - and we report said monuments in good condition.

October 18th. 1850.

Thos Chamberlain } In behalf of the City
Sam'l Smith. — } of Worcester,
Joseph Batchelder } In behalf of the
John Whitney. — } Town of Grafton,

A correct Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

45.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Upton have this 19th. day of October A. D. 1850. met agreable to notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton, - being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating lines and renewing the marks between our towns; and have attended to that service. Make make return as follows, of the lines and bounds (viz.,) - - Beginning at a stone monument which being a corner of Grafton - Upton & Northbridge running 14 1/2 degrees west 170 rods, to a stone monument at the corner of Royal Keiths Pasture; thence North 72 1/2 d. East 96 rods to a stone monument being a corner of Reuben Woods & Wm. Legg Wm. Knowlton & Delorous Tafts Meadow, thence North 34 1/2 d. West 201 rods to a stone monument being a corner of the wid. Hayden land, thence north 88 1/2 ? East 197 rods to a stone monument on the line of Lawson Munyan land; thence North 1 degree 50 m. 956 rods to a stone monument a the corner of Grafton, Westboro & Upton, -

Jonathan W. Stow } Select Men of
Jefferson Bellows } Grafton, -

Delorous Taft } Select Men
Joseph F. Macfarland } of Upton, -

A correct copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, -

Worcester, ss. — To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, — Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Eleventh day of November next, at nine o'clock in the fore noon being the second monday of said month, to bring in their votes to the Select-men for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing: —

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the united States from District No. Five to serve for two years from the fourth of March next: —

And also to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next: —

The votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one Ballot, and for Representatives on seperate ballots. —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten o'clock in the forenoon on said day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid. — Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

A. M. Bigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
John Whitney
Jefferson Bellows
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss, Grafton November 11th 1850
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A. True Copy attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of November A. D. 1850. being the second Monday of said Month pursuant to warning, — . —

The whole number of Ballots Given in for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and five Senators on one Ballot were sorted, Counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons, Viz; — .

Whole number of Ballots given in for Governor was Five hundred, . . — . — 500.

For Governor.

George N. Briggs. had one hundred ninety two votes,

Stephen C. Phillips. had Two hundred twenty four votes,

George S. Boutwell, had Eighty four votes,

Whole Number of Ballots for Lieutenant Governor was five hundred and one. — 501.

John Reed. had, one hundred ninety three votes,

Amasa Walker, had Two hundred twenty four votes,

Henry W. Cushman, had Eighty four votes,

Whole number of Ballots given in for Senators was four hundred ninety four. . — 494.

Whig Ticket. —

Emory Washburn. had, one hundred eighty Six votes,
Joseph White. had. one hundred eighty Six votes,
George Davis. had one hundred eighty Six votes,
Francis Dean. had one hundred eighty Six votes,
A. G. Hill. had one hundred eighty four votes,

Free soil and Democratic Ticket,

Alexander H. Witt. had Two hundred ninety Eight votes,
Edward B. Bigelow, had Two hundred ninety five. — votes,
Moses Woods. had Two hundred ninety nine votes,
Francis Howe, had. Three hundred four. — votes,
Giles H. Whitney had Three hundred five — votes,

Scattering Ballots. —

Dwight Prentice had Three votes,
Benjamin Heywood jr. had Three votes,
Majr. Daniel Prentice, had Three votes,
Little Johnny Stowe, had Three votes,
Lewis Holbrook . had Three votes,

Whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to 32d. Congress. was four hundred ninety four. 494.
Ira M. Barton, had one hundred Seventy four votes,
Charles Allen, had Two hundred thirty five votes
John S. C. Knowlton, had Eighty four. — . votes,
Rejoice Newton, had one . . , vote,

Whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to the General Court was four hundred eighty Two. — . . . 482.
Levi Rawson. had Two hundred eighty three votes and he was Chosen. — . — . — . —.
David Jourdan. had one hundred eighty Seven votes
Lewis Holbrook. had five votes.
Francis Winn, had three votes.
Oliver M. Brigham. had one vote,
John Whitney. had one vote,
Joshua W. Leland had one vote,
Thomas C. Bisco had one vote.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting and immediately after the the vote was taken it was voted to reconsider said vote as as the returns were not all Sealed up. Samuel Wood Esqr. wished a record Made of this vote. and Shortly afterwards. the Meeting was dissolved by Vote. . —

Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —,

47.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — — Greting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to Meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the Eleventh day of November current at two O'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles; to wit; — —

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting. —

" 2d. To see if the Inhabitants of said Town will discontinue so much of a town road near the Depot of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Station in said Grafton, as was located over land of S. H. Allen to widen the same, by the Selectmen of said town Oct. 29th 1849. which is of no public use, as recommended by the report of the Committee appointed by the town to act upon the Subject. to wit. — Eighty feet in length on the east next and adjoining the Shoe factory or Store, and all beyond the Culvert on the East end of the land taken from said Allen to widen said road as petitioned for by Samuel H. Allen and others, or act thereon. —

" 3d. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out a road in the easterly part of the town near the School-house in Merriam District or act thereon, —

" 4th. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to build or cause to be built a new road recently laid out in the easterly part of said town. or act thereon — . — . —

" 5th. To see if the town will accept a list of names prepared by the Select to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon. —

" 6th To hear report of any out standing Committee and act thereon

" 7th. To accept town debts. — — . — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the

Public Meeting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this first day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty. —

A. M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelor, Jonathan W. Stow, John Whitney, Jefferson Bellows, } Select Men of Grafton,

Worcester ss, Grafton November 11th. 1850. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. — — —

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton, — —

A true copy
Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Town on Monday the 11th day of November A.D. 1850 at two o' clock P.M. pursuant to warning. the following proceedings were had, to wit; — —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams Moderator of this Meeting,
" 2d. Motion was made to pass over this Article and it passed in the affirmative 92 to 36. —
" 3d. Voted to accept the report of the Select Men in laying out a road in the Easterly part of said town, which is in the following words and figures. —

We the Subscribers, Select men of the town of Grafton. have laid out for the use of the said town a town way as follows, — — —

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the Road leading from Grafton to Rodney Leland's, eleven links west of the southwest corner of the School-house in Merriam District and running South 19° East four and four tenths rods over land of Joseph Merriam jr and Merriam School District to the road leading to John H. Merriams it being the east line of said road, and the layout includes all the land west and South of the above described line between the two town roads above Mentioned, and the owners of the land over which said way passes have released all damages for laying said way over their land, Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public Town way. —

Dated at Grafton this first day of November in the year 1850. —.

A. M. Bigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
John Whitney
Jefferson Bellows,
} Selectmen of Grafton,

A, True copy
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, .-

Art. 4th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Make or cause to be Made the above road. -
voted to Choose said Committee by nomination,
By vote Chose Otis Adams
Joseph B. Adams
Joseph Merriam jr.
} Committee, —

Art. 5th. Voted to accept of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box
The following is a List of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. —.—.—.—.—.-
Liberty Wood, Lawson Munyan, John Putnam jr. Charles Brigham, Samuel W. Putnam, Jonathan Warren, John Whitney, H. H. W. Sigourney,

Levi N. Leland, Joseph Kimball, Noah Kimball, Erastus Fisher, Asa F. Smith, Royal A. Keith, Esek Saunders, Philip Wing, Samuel Wood, Elijah Kimball, Benjamin W. Fay, Luther Wright, Leander S. Pratt, Seth J. Axtell, Solomon Carroll, John B. White, Samuel F. Redding, Benjamin Kingsbury, Nathan Hancock, Edward B. Bigelow, Jefferson Bellows, Luke Leland, Rufus C. Warren, Silas Forbush, John P. Hayden, Frederick Waterman, Charles Goddard, Jonathan W. Stow, Lewis Holbrook, Abraham M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Calvin W. Forbush, Horace P. Brown, John W. Slocomb, Willard S. Wood, Oliver M. Brigham, Chandler M. Pratt, Lewis W. Dodge, Luke F. Allen, Samuel C. Flagg, Hiram Fernald, Sumner Dunsmore, Hasket D. P. Bigelow, Wyman Fay, William Holbrook, Francis Winn, Augustus Slocomb, William Rice, Charles Prentice 2d. Samuel B. Dolliver, Lewis H. Bigelow, Joseph B. Adams, Rodney Leland Gilbert C. Taft, Alfred Morse, —

All of which is respectfully submitted,.

Grafton November 11. 1850. —.

A. M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, John Whitney, Jefferson Bellows, } Selectsmen of Grafton,

Art. 6th. Lewis Holbrook Chairman of the committee. to build a town road. Made report and the town accepted of it. which is in the following words and figures, — —

The committee Chosen by the town Dec. 10th. 1849. to Make the Town Road, laid out by the Selectsmen from the residence of Leonard B. Hill to Sutton line, have discharged the duty assigned them, and report as follows. — — —

Expence of grading & Making the road	$445. 87
Service of committee & incidental expences.	10. 62
Total — — —	$. 456. 49

Recived of Mr. Heartwell towards expense of the road $10.00
Leaving a balance of cost to the Town for construting said road . — . — . — . — . $446.49

Grafton Nov. 11th. 1850. —

Lewis Holbrook
Philip Wing — } Committee. —
Austin Holbrook,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed by the Town to cause the County road leading from near the Brick-house of Jefferson Bellows to to Upton line, — which is in the following words and figures. — . — . — .

The Committee appointed by the Town 27th. August 1849. to cause the County Road laid out by the County Commissioners, from near the — Brick-house of Jefferson Bellows to Upton line; have attended to that duty and present the following — Report. — .

They have caused said road to be Made agreeably to the order of the County Commissioners (and which has been accepted by them) at an Expence as follows, — . — .

For making the road, . —	$.2360.45
Commoittees services . . —	25.00
Making	$. 2385.45

which has been paid by drafts on the Treasury, The Town drew from the County Treasury towards towards Expense of this Road $700.00 leaving a balance of Expense to the town for making the above road. — . $.1685.45

all of which is Respectfully submitted, —

Grafton November 11th. 1850. — .

Jefferson Bellows
Philip Wing, — } Committee,
Lewis Holbrook

Art. 7th. Voted to accept the following town Debts.
Erastus Fishers amount. . $. 55.71

Erastus Fisher's act. of. —, $14.50
Samuel Wood " " , 35.00
Otis Adams " " , 13.65½

And by vote the Meting was dissolved. —
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. —, —, Greeting, —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twentieth day of January inst. at 12. o'clock M. being the third Monday of said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. Five to serve for two years from the fourth of March next, The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officer at 1. o'Clock P. M. on said day, — —

And you are directed to notify the Inhabitants, above named to meet at the place above named at two of the clock in the afternoon on said day to act on the following articles viz: —

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside a said Meeting, —
" 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen on laying out a Town road in the Northwesterly part of the Town and act thereon, — . — . —
" 3d. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to build a new road recently laid out in the northwesterly part of the town, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meting-houses in New England village, Farnumsville, and Saunders village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meting, — . —

50. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. — . —

Given under our hands this Sixth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. — . —

A. M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, John Whitney, Jefferson Bellows } Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester ss, January 20th. 1851. —
I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-Houses in said Town pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable, of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualefied to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Twentieth day of January A. D. 1851. being the Third Monday of said Month pursuant to warning, for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Select Men for a Representative in the 32d. Congress of the United States. . —

The whole number of Ballots was three hundred fifty four.
Charles Allen, had, one hundred ninety six votes.
Ira M. Barton had one hundred ten votes. —
John S. C. Knowlton had forty seven votes.
Rejoice Newton had one vote. — . . —
And by vote the Meeting was dissolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 20th day of January A.D. 1851. the following proceedings were had to wit: —

Art 1st. By Ballot chose Lovell Baker Jr. Moderator of the Meeting

" 2d Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in laying out a town road, which is in the following words and figures;

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton have laid out for the use of the said Town, a Town way as follows; —

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the westerly side of the road leading from the County road, by Solomon Carrolls a little North of Carrolls Brook at land of James G. Putnam; then through said Putnam's land North 88° 15'. West 24 4/5 rods, — thence through land of Solomon Carroll South 81°. West 9 1/4 rods to land of Benjamin S. Watson to be two rods wide and to lie on the Northerly side of said course; And we agree with the the owners of the lands over which said way passes for their damages for land and fencing as follows, — To the said Putnam forty three 19/100. dollars, and to the said Carroll nine 25/100. dollars to be paid by the said town of Grafton before said road is opened, which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way, — . ——— .

Dated at Grafton this sixth day of January in the Year 1851. —

A. M. Bigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
John Whitney
Jefferson Bellows
} Selectmen of Grafton

Art 3d. Voted to choose a Committee of three to build said roads, By vote chose Lewis Holbrook, Ethan R Thompson & Joseph Willard Committee. and by vote the Meeting was dissolved,

Attest, Carlis Bentley Town Clerk, —

Worcester ss. — To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of March next — at 9. o'. clock A. M. to act on the following — articles; to wit: — . — . — . — .

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —
" 2d. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer,
" 3d. To bring in their votes for a County Register of Deeds,
" 4th. To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing,
" 5th. To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon, — . — . —
" 6th. To determine the Manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges within said Town, the year ensuing, and fix the compensation for Labor employed thereon,
" 7th. To raise such sums of Money as May be necessary to defray town Charges the year ensuing and make appropriations of the same or act thereon,
" 8th. To see what discount the town will make to those person who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such Periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, or act thereon, —
" 9th To see what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead or act thereon,
" 10th. To hear the Report of the General School — Committee and act thereon, — . —
" 11th. To hear the report of the overseers of the Poor and act thereon, — . — . —
" 12th. To hear the Report of the Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" and act thereon, — . — .
" 13th. To see if the town will Authorize the several Prudential Committee Men to employ the School Teachers in their Respective Districts, or act thereon, — . —

Art. 14th. To see if the Town will establish a High School as required by Law, or act thereon, — . — . — . — . — . — .

" 15th. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. O'clock M. and at 9. o'clock P. M. or act thereon, —

" 16th. To hear the Report of any out Standing Committee, and act thereon, —

" 17th To Accept Town debts — . — . — . — . —

" 18th. To see if the Town will cause the Canal Bridge near the house of Joshua W. Leland to be filled up, and also the Canal bridge near the Factory of Waterman A. Fisher & Co. or act thereon. — — . — — .

" 19th To see if the Town will Authorize their Treasurer to release to Leander S. Pratt their title to a certain tract of land containing about fifty rods, situated on the west side of the old Worcester road, southerly of Leander S. Pratts residence, and adjoining land of Samuel F. Redding, being about $3\frac{56}{100}$ rods in front, And about 5 and ¼ rods wide at the back end, and $11\frac{3}{4}$ rods deep being a part of lands Mortgaged to the Town by Emory Singletary as prayed for by Leander S. Pratt, or act thereon,

" 20th To see if the Town will take any Measures to repair their Town Hall, or act thereon, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meting Houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting, — . — —

Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousande eight hundred and fifty one, — . — . — . — .

A. M. Bigelow, Joseph Batchelder, Jonathan W. Stow, John Whitney, Jefferson Bellows } Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. March 3d. 1851.
I have served this warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in said Town of Grafton Pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice. Constable, of Grafton

A. True Copy attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1851.— the following proceedings were had, to wit:—,

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Esek Saunders, Moderator of the Meeting.—

" 2d Anthony Chase, had one hundred sixty three votes for County Treasurer.—.—.—. (163.)—

" 3d. Alexander H. Wilder. had one hundred seventy seven votes for County Register of Deeds. (177.)—

" 4th. By Ballot. chose, Frederick Waterman, Lewis Holbrook, Samuel B. Dolliver, Samuel F. Redding, Erastus Fisher. } Selectmen of Grafton for the year Ensuing.— all of which come forward March 3d. 1851. except Samuel B. Dolliver and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty. By me, Charles Prentice. Town clerk,

March 10th. 1851 Samuel B. Dolliver sworn
By me Charles Prentice. T. Clerk,

By Ballot chose, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, who was sworn March 14th. 1851. by Eli Adams Justice of Peace, Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.—.

By Ballot chose, Jonathan Warren, Town Treasurer. who come forward & was sworn March 19th. 1851 By Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

voted to take up the fifth article and act thereon

" 5th. The Selectmen made their annual Report which was accepted by the town. and is in the following words and figures.—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton,

The Selectmen of the town of Grafton, at the completion of their official duties for the year now ending, would submit a Statements of the condition of the town, and ask leave to report as follows,

They have settled with Jonathan Warren Esqr Treasurer of said town and find his account correct, and is as follows,—.—.—.—

They have settled with Jonathan Warren Esq. Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct and is as follows.

1850			
March 1st	Amt. in the hands of Treasurer & Collector.	1556	62
" 7th	Received of State Treasurer	5000	00
April 2.	" Interest on C. Singletary Note.	60	00
" "	" of County Treasurer	700	00
" "	" " State School Fund	160	16
" "	" " support of State Paupers,	29	63
June 28.	" Amt. of County & town taxes.	8704	54
1851.			
Feb'y. 28.	" of Selectmen for sale of Old Plank.	5	45
		$ 16216	40

1851			
Feb'y 28	By Cash paid for recording Deeds		87
" "	" Paying Notes at Savings Bank Worcester	3700.	00
" "	" " " Charles Goddard	147.	70
" "	" " " Marcy Ann Thompson	450.	00
" "	" " " Levi C. Heywood	1300	00
" "	" " Interest on Town Notes	703	10
" "	" " Board, W. A. Pingrey at Hospital	75	79
" "	" " " Susan A. Whitlock " "	52	39
" "	" " " Leonard Buxton " "	4	18
" "	" " " Rufus A. Johnson " "	62	69
" "	" " County Tax for 1850	1090	53
" "	" " for Making taxes in 1850	216	25
" "	" " Assessors orders for abatement of taxes	84	99
" "	" " for support of Common Schools in 1850 & 1851.	2269	68
" "	" " General School Committee for services in 1849 & 1850.	68	00
" "	" " Samuel Hall services as Sexton	76	25
" "	" " Committee for building Bridges	1600	59
" "	" " Committee for building Road from Farnumsville to Upton	970	45
" "	" " Charles B. Jencks for services as Sexton	36	75
" "	" " Leonard B. Hill for laying road over his land & fencing same. —	233	85
" "	" " Committee for building road near Wilkinsonville — —	446	50

Feby 28	1851. Paid for repairing roads & bridge 1849 & 1850.	197	75
" "	By Paid Overseers of the Poor .	785	00
" " "	" " Services in 1849 & 1850 .	30	00
" " "	Discount & Counting taxes .	462	49
" " "	" Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery .	200	00
" " "	" Committee on New Cemetery .	210	00
" " "	" Sundry Orders not enumerated above	198	91
		£. 15674	71

Whole amount Receipts	16216.	40
Do Do Expenditures	15674.	71
Balance in Treasurer & Collectors hands	£. 541.	69

Resources of the Town.

1851 Feby 28	Balance in Treasurer & Collectors hands .	541	69
	School fund Note interest to be applied to Schools	1000	00
	A. Farm & buildings thereon valued at	4800	00
	Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming utensils & House hold furniture as valued by Overseers of Poor	1679	16
	24 acres of wood land as appraised by Overseers	800	00
	£	8820.	85

Liabilities.

1851 Feby 28	One Note to Abigail Russell Sutton	Town Notes	1000	00
" " "	" " R. F. Chase . Sutton		1200	00
" " "	" " Worcester County Sav. for savings		2000	00
" " "	" " State Treasurer .		5000	00
" " "	" " Elizabeth Cheney Holden		300	00
			9500	00

Whole amount of Liabilities	9500.00
Whole amount of assetts	8820.85
Balance of Liabilities over assetts	679.15

All of which is Respectfully submitted
Grafton March 3. 1851.

A. M. Bigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
John Whitney
Jefferson Bellows
} Selectmen of Grafton

The undersigned Selectmen of Grafton ask leave to present their report, of all the places, at which Guide Posts are erected, and such other places, which in their opinion they ought to be erected and maintained within the said Town of Grafton, as follows, Viz: at the corner of the road near the house of C. W. Forbush, at the corner near the house of J. D. Wheeler, at the corner near the house of S. H. Allen, at the Corner near the house of Robert Prentice, at the corner of the Sutton and Uxbridge roads, a little south of the last named place, at the Corner near the house of Joseph Bruce, at the Corner near the house of William A Fisk, at the Corner between the last named place and the house of George Dunn, at the Corner a little north of the house of Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian Burying Ground, at the Corner near the Meting house in Farnumsville, at the Corner near the house of David Farnum, at the Corner near the house of the late widow Gleason, at the corner near the house of Nelson Ferry, at the corner the house of Austin Holbrook, at the Corner near the School house in Saundersville, at the corner near the house of John Hutchings, at the Corner near the house of Otis Converse, at the Corner near the house of L. S. Pratt, at each of the Corners between the Burying Ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner of the Providence & Westboro' roads next to the last named place, at the corner of the Alms house, at the corner near the Meeting house in New England Village, at each of the corners near the house of Jasper W. Putnam, at each of the corners northerly of Tarrant Merriam, at the Corner near the house of Charles T. Fay, at the Corner near the house of Nathan S. Whitlock, at the Corner near the house of Elijah B. Knowlton, at the Corner near the house of Solomon E. Goulding, at the corner near the house of Hervey J. Pratt, at the corner near the house of Joseph Kimball at the corner north of the house of Solomon Carroll, at the corner near the house of Jefferson Bellows, and they recommend that one be erected at the corner near the house of Silas Eddy, and at the corner near the house of B. W. Fay, all of which is Respectfully submitted.

Grafton March 3. 1851.

A. M. Pigelow
Joseph Batchelder
Jonathan W. Stow
John Whitney
Jefferson Bellows
} Select Men of Grafton

Accepted March 3. 1851,
Attest, Charles Prentice. T. Clerk,

Voted to take up the Eleventh Article and act thereon

Art. 11th The overseers of the Poor Made their report, which was accepted by the town, and is in the following words and figures. —

The overseers of the Poor present the following

Report to the Town,

Expense of supporting Paupers on the farm past year,		$. 288	00
Expense incurred in carrying on farm, boarding, Nursing, clothing Inmates		525	60
Balance for Stock purchased more than sold		51	66
Agents Salary.		300	00
Medical Attendance Medicine &c.		16	03
Total —	$.	1181	29
Balance of Inventory above last year	162.22		
Amount of Products sold off Farm	616.98		
Due from State for Support of State Paupers	111.23	890	43
Whole Amount —			
Leaving a balance for supporting Paupers on farm.	$.	290	86
Whole number supported or assisted on farm past year . 31. —			
Number of weeks board 470.			
Average cost per week 61 Cents			

Cost of supporting Paupers off farm past year. —

For supporting Sally Phillips .		31	33
" " Deborah Warren .		36	00
" " Lycius Stone .		26	00
" " Charles M. Sherman .		26	00
" " Emma L. Sherman .		13	00
" " Frances Dumore .		40	00
" " John Bradbury .		21	00
" " Michael Deland .		16	65
Total Expense of supporting off farm	$.	209	98
Whole number supported or assisted off farm, — . — . 8.			

Whole number of Paupers supported or relieved past year 39.-

Total Expense of Supporting Paupers . — . — $. 500. 84

Cost of Supporting Insane Persons at the State Lunatic Asslyum at Worcester past year. ——————————

For Rufus A. Johnson.	.	122 67
Susan L. Whitlock	.	52 39
William A Pinkney	.	75 79
Leonard H. Buxton	.	4 18
Total for Insane persons. —	.	255.03
Expense incurred for support of George H. Newton in House of Correction	.	4. 29
Whole Expense of Supporting Paupers Lunatics, Offenders &c. past year,		$. 760 16

It will be perceived that a large Item in this part of the expenses of the town is for support of Lunatics, The two first of these are incurable and permanently settled upon the town, of the two latter one has been discharged, and the expense of both will probably be refunded. —

There has been a much larger number supported at the Alms house during past than any former year

The average cost per week is 23 cents less than the preceding year while the whole amount is a little More, This cost of 61 cents pr. week might easily have been reduced to fifty cents. . —

But the Overseers believe that a Steady prudent course of improvements on the farm will be more acceptable to the town than one for immediate profit,

Necessary repairs have been made on one Barn and considerable expenses in cutting brush &c, —

Believing that fruit trees will add to the beauty & scenery of the farm if not to the ultimate profit and in accordance with the often expressed wish of our Citizen. we have prepared a lot of ground for setting fruit trees the coming Spring. — —

The charge and oversight of a Pauper Establishment is at all times so arduous and difficult that the pecuniary compensation usually allowed does

not present sufficient inducements for people possessing the requisite qualifications to engage, — . —

The overseers think the town have been fortunate in securing the services of the present agent & family for a series of years and they take this opportunity to express their cordial approbation of the able and faithful Manner in which Mr. & Mrs. Patrick have discharged their duties. —

Oliver M. Brigham, Charles Goddard, Lewis Holbrook. } Overseers of the Poor,

And by vote adjourned this Meting for one week to March 10th Current at 1. o' clock P. M. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town. Clerk. —

March 10th. 1851. The Town having met at one o' clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meeting from the third instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: . — . —

after reading the proceedings of the last Meting.

Took up the fourth article and acted thereon,

Art. 4th Voted to have three overseers of the Poor the year ensuing. —

By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham, Charles Goddard, Holland Greenwood } Overseers of the Poor,

voted to have three Assessors for the year ensuing.

By Ballot chose. —

Charles Prentice — Sworn March 14th 1851. by Otis Adams Justice of Peace attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk

Samuel Harrington — Assessors. Sworn March 24. 1851. by C. Prentice T. Clerk.

Benjamin Kingsbury — Sworn March 27th. 1851 — by Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Voted the General School Committee consist of three.

By Ballot chose Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. William Leverett. } General School Committee, —

voted to take up the Sixteenth article and act thereon. —

Art. 16 voted to hear the Report of Trustees of the new Cemetery which was read, voted to accept of said report which is in the following words and figures. —

The Trustees of the of the River side Cemetery beg leave to Report. ——————

The name River side has been given to this new Cemetery as being appropriate from the fact of its proximity to the little Black Stone River which runs along the whole eastern line, the lot bordering a part of the way on said stream, . —

It is situated between this River on the east and Cold-brook road on the west, and the old and new County roads leading from Grafton to Millbury on the north and south, and includes an area of about Eleven acres, all of which is covered with most of the varieties of Trees found in New England, Trees of Moderate size and stature and fair appearance. —————————

The surface is beautifully undulating without bold swells or steep Hills. ——————

While the primary purpose of the Cemetery is to secure the undisturbed rest of the Dead in all future ages, ~~in future ages~~ in forming a burial place, it was desirable to follow the Examples which have been approved by public taste at other Cemeteries in the vicinety of Cities and large towns, —

The Trustees having had no experience in business of this kind voted to engage the services of an Engineer to survey and plan the ground. Gen. H. A. S. Dearborn of Roxbury was written to who readily complied with their wishes.

He spent four days with us declining any compensation for his services, except the payment of his necessary expenses, the Trustees will ever feel grateful to him for his generous and valuable services in the arrangement of the avenues and paths of the Cemetery and his counsel upon the various Matters Connected with its General improvement, — ——————————

The Carriage avenues and foot paths have been laid out on the principles of landscape gardening, and in such a manner as to render the approach to all parts

of the grounds easy. The walks sweeping in Gentle curves around the prominent points have been laid with reference both to Convenience and Embellishment, so as to afford ready access to every part, and to increase the natural beauty.

The Carriage Avenues extend 2 4/5 rods, in length and are laid 16½ feet wide. The foot paths extend 2 38 3/5 rods, 21 rods of which are laid two feet and the remaining 217 3/5. six feet wide, ———

The surfaces of the Avenues have been Graveled, and both Avenues and foot paths are made slightly Convex with a gutter on each side to Conduct off the water,

A topographical Survey and plan of the Ground has been made by Mr. Charles C. Wood, who is a Skilful and accurate Surveyor, ———

Two of the Trustees with his assistance have laid out and Surveyed 244 lots for burial of different sizes, and in different parts of the Cemetery ranging in size from 405 down to 150 square feet each, designing that the same shall be sold by the foot, thus giving to every purchaser an opportunity to suit his own taste and convenience as to size, ———

Owing to a difference of Opinion in the Minds of the building Committee as to the Expense of the fence, there has been an unnecessary delay of some months in fencing the grounds. We are happy to state, however, that they will be enclosed by a substantial pale fence six feet high supported by excellent Stone Posts which were obtained from the Northbridge Quarry. The whole is under contract to one of our worthy Citizens Mr. Noah Fletcher whose punctuality and promptness will ensure its completion early in the Summer. ———

The receipts and expenditures are as follows,-

Cash paid for land bought. Charles Goddard		147.95
Do. " " "	Ethan A. Thompson	650.00
Do. " for 210 Stone Posts,		210.00
The land & Expense of inclosing the same is paid by the Town,		$1007.95

Expenditures of Trustees,

Cash paid for Clearing lot,	122.00	
" " Books of Record	2.00	
" " Gen. H. A. S. Dearborn expenses	8.00	
" " Charles C. Wood Surveying	35.50	
" Amos Holbrook Making avenues & paths	269.11	
" various individuals for labor	169.56	
" Interest on money borrowed	20.25	626.42

Receipts

Cash Rec.d of John M. Newton for wood.	36.00	
" " " Jon.a Brooks " do.	97.50	133.50
Leaving an out standing Debt of		$ 492.92

The Trustees are aware that they have not made that progress in the prosecuting of the preparatory work which the public expected, they hope, however, to be able, early in the Spring to number the lots, name the avenues and paths, and erect guide posts to each, and have the long desired place ready, where those who have lost relations and friends, can gather the relics of the departed Members of their families and deposite the remains of those who were dear to them, with confidence that they shall rest undisturbed never to rise untill the sound of "the last trump"; for the trumpet shall sound and the Dead shall be raised incorruptable ".

All which is Respectfully submitted,

Graf ton March 3d. 1851.

Otis Adams, Chairman of the
Board of Trustees of River side Cemetery,

Voted to hear the Report of the Bridge Committee.

The Committee made their Report, and the Town Voted to accept of said report which is in the following words and figures.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the construction of certain Bridges beg leave to Report,—

That they have in obedience to the vote of the Town, caused to be constructed, Three bridges, one over the Stream by Samuel Dispeaux's, The other two ———

across the little Black Stone River, one at New England village, and the other near the house of Gabriel F. Wheeler, which has long been known by the name of the "Wheeler Bridge". — Not having been specially instructed by the town as to the material of which the bridges should be built, your Committee proceeded in the prosecution of their duties, in such a manner, as on long and serious consideration appeared most for the benefit and interest of the town, They therefore ordered the bridges <u>Arched</u> and built of of <u>Stone</u> in a most thorough and substantial Manner, In building of stone, we know that the present expense, the first cost would be greater than to build of stone and wood in the common manner, But for series of years, they believe that <u>Arched Stone bridges</u> would be at the end, or long before the end vastly the <u>best</u> and the <u>cheapest</u>, in coming to this conclusion we not only took into consideration the fact that Stone bridges so built are more durable, but also the further fact that the towns will avoid all those troubles, damages and expenses which frequently accrue from the sudden removal of bridges, over and beyond the mere cost of their construction, Your Committee also have endeavored to acquire information from other towns where works of this Stong, permanent character have been constructed by private enterprise - there the towns seeing the advantages of such Structures, have adopted the same principals of action and built their bridges in the most thorough and substantial Manner, - and from all places where this course has been adopted your Committee have received assurances that this plan of building bridges for generation, instead of for years, is the true plan, is the <u>Cheapest</u> plan, With these considerations before them your Committee, went on and built the bridges in such a manner that they have no doubt they will remain unharmed by the tooth of time or the rush of waters for ages. — your Committee would beg leave further to remark that in erecting the Wheeler bridge,

so called, we have proceed on principals entirely different from those on which the old bridge was built, In building that bridge, a part of the Committee held the Opinion that an arched bridge must cross the Stream at right angles with the Stream, The bridge was built on those principals and the result was that the water being checked and turned from its direct course, beat upon the bridge and it fell, In building the new bridge, your Committee have adopted the other and new principle, that an Arch may be made over a Stream of water at any desired angle,

Your Committee therefore proceeded to build the bridge in such a manner that the range of the arch of the bridge shall be in a line with the natural Current of the Stream, the bridge has been Constructed on these principals, It is a most beautiful Specimen of Masonry, and the Committee have entire confidence that neither ourselves, nor our Children will ever be Called upon to repair or rebuild that bridge, — The Large bridge is more than twenty feet clear in the traveled way, 2 arches each 16 feet, Span-Arch rises 6 feet, Abutments 4 feet high 3½ feet thick - the Middle Pier 4 feet by 4, The backing up the Abutments 6 feet each way from the bottom of each abutments to the top of the arch, the Parapet walls on each side of the road 4 feet high above the crown of the arch, and two feet above the finish of the road, and 55 feet long Capped and made of Split Stone 18 inches wide & 9 thick, the arch Stones are all Split not less than 8 inches thick and 16. inches wide,

The other arched bridge has but one arch but built with the same Material and on the same plan, —

Your Committee received proposals from four individuals, for building the two arched bridges, who examined the premises and gave their terms, namely:- David Woodward of Worcester, Jefferson Wheelock of Grafton, E. B. Walker of Oxford, Smith and Mc. Bride of Northbridge, —

Mr.	Woodward's price for both bridges	2180. 00
"	Wheelock's " " " "	2155. 00
"	Walker's " " Do .	1300. 00
"	Smith & Mc. Bride's " " Do .	1350. 00

You will see that Mr Woodward is the highest of the four and 25 dollars only higher than Mr. Wheelock, and Mr. Walker the lowest being 50 Dollars less than the Messrs. Smith & Mc, Bride and 880. Dolls. less than

Mr. Woodward, your Committee closed the contract with Messrs. Smith & Mc. Bride, they agreeing that all the Stones for the Parapet walls & Most of those for the centre pier, should be long Split Stones and all taken from their Quarry which furnishes the best material, . — . — . — . 1350. 00

Extra work on the Wheeler bridge . 66. 60

do. do. " Village do . 26. 24

Total for both bridges . — . — $. 1442. 84

Cash paid Messrs Smith & Pratt. for closing their Gate and keeping the water back while the foundation wall was laid. — } 37. 50

Cash paid L. S. Pratt, for damage in Drawing off the Pond for the same objects. . — } 40. 00

Paid Benjamen Kingsbury for Cemetery damage. — . — . — } 12. 00

$ 89. 50

The bridge by the house of Samuel Dispeau was Made by Mr. Solomon Carroll and Ethan R. Thompson for $100" It has two Sluice ways for water and is covered with large flat Stones, The workmanship is good, It was a question with the Committee at the time whether the two Sluices would be Sufficient for any emergency but after Mature consideration of the subject they decided to risk it, the event very Sudden & Extraordinary accumulation of water, together with the backing up of the Ice, has however satisfied the Committee that a larger Span or an additional Sluice way would have been More Safe, —

All which is Respectfully Submitted, —

Grafton March 3d. 1851. — . —

Otis Adams
C. M. Pratt
Solomon Carroll } Committee,

Voted to lay the 16th article on the table for the present.

Voted to take up the 4th article and fill the vacancy of the Trustees of the River Side Cemetery.

Art. 4th. By Ballot chose Philip Wing, the Trustee, — . —

Voted to take up the nineteenth article and act thereon, —

Art. 19th. Voted the petition of Leander S. Pratt be granted as Prayed for in this article, — . — . — . —.

Voted to take up the tenth article and hear the Report of the General School Committee, — . — . — . — .

Art. 10th The General School Committee Made their Report. —

The town voted to accept of said Report which is placed on file.

Voted to take up the fourth article and act thereon,

Art. 4th. Voted to have six Constables for the ensuing year. —

By Ballot chose Barnabas Newton. Constable,
who come forward and was Sworn March 19. 1851. — . — .

And by vote adjourned this Meting to Wednesday 19th day of March current at 1. O'. Clock. P. M. — . — .

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

March 19th. 1851. The town having Met at 1. O'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meting from the 10th. Instant, the following further proceedings were had; to wit: — . — . —

After Reading the proceedings, of the last Meting.

Took up the fourth Article and acted Thereon,

Art. 4th. By Ballot chose, Charles Prentice } Sworn April 4th. 1850. by Joseph Brown Justice of the Peace — attest: Charles Prentice T. Clerk

" " " Sumner Dunsmore } Sworn March 20. 1851.

" " " Joshua W. Harrington } Constables of Grafton. for the year ensuing.

" " " Henry H. Messenger, } Sworn March 25. 1851.

" " "Jefferson Bellows. who declined & Excused

" " "Augustus Slocomb Declined & Excused. —

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meting to have six constables, and not to have but five, — . — . —

Voted to have thirteen Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing, and voted the Highway Surveyors, be Collectors of Highway taxes, — . —

By vote Chose, Philip Wing } Sworn March 29. 1851. Highway Surveyors.

" " " Daniel Whitney } Sworn March 29. 1851.

" " " Calvin S. Thurston } Sworn March 28. 1851

By vote chose.	Solomon C. Goulding	Highway Surveyors.	Sworn June 20. 1851.
" " "	Timothy Merriam		Sworn March 25. 1851.
" " "	C. M. Pratt		
" " "	Seth J. Axtell		Sworn March 21. 1851.
" " "	Esek Saunders		Sworn March 28. 1851.
" " "	Charles Daniels		Excused. — .
" " "	Thomas J. Wheelock		Sworn March 27. 1851.
" " "	Horace Batchelor		Sworn March 28. 1851.
" " "	John P. Crosby		Sworn March 27. 1851.
" " "	Jonathan W. Stow		

Voted to choose ten Fire wards for the ensuing year

By vote chose	John W. Slocomb	Fire wards.	Accepts March 24. 1851
" " "	David Jourdan		Accepts March 24. 1851.
" " "	Lovell Baker jr.		
" " "	C. M. Pratt		
" " "	Esek Saunders		Accepts March 28. 1851.
" " "	Jefferson Pellows		
" " "	Charles B. Jencks		accepts May 19. 1851
" " "	Solomon Carroll		accepts May 17. 1851.
" " "	David Chase		Accepts March 22. 1851.
" " "	L. S. Pratt		

Voted to have five field drivers the ensuing year.

" " "	John W. Leland	Field Drivers.	Sworn March 22. 1851
" " "	David Chase.		Sworn March 22. 1851
" " "	Wafer W. Davenport		
" " "	Dea. Levi Rawson.		
" " "	Benjamin Aldrich		

Voted the Select Men. appoint the Measurers of Wood and Bark. for the ensuing year.

Voted to have Two Surveyors of Lumber for the year Ensuing.

By vote Chose	Charles B. Jencks	Surveyors of Lumber.	
	Philip Weng		Sworn March 29. 1851.

Voted to have one Sealer of Weights and Measures. —.

By vote chose Joseph W. Leland, Sealer of weights and Measures. who come forward and was sworn. March 21. 1851 By me Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk,

Voted the Selectmen be the Auditing Committee on accounts the year ensuing. —. —.

Voted to have three Sealers of Leather for the ensuing year.

By vote chose A. M. Bigelow } Sealers of Leather. Sworn Apl. 7. 1851. —
" " " Rufus E. Warren. }
" " " Lewis W. Dodge .. }

Took up the Sixth article and acted thereon

Art. 6th. Voted to repair the high ways, town ways and Sluices of eight feet across and under within said Town in a labor tax, and to allow for Man, and for Oxen, Twelve and a half Cents per hour for the time they work, and for tools it is left discretionary with the Surveyors. —

Art. 7th. Voted to grant the Sum of Eight thousand five hundred dollars, to defray Town Charges the ensuing year, —. —. —

Voted to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for schooling the ensuing year, besides what comes from other sources, viz:. the interest of the School note and what comes from the Commonwealth for schooling, —.

voted to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars, in a labor tax, to be worked out on the high ways, town ways and Sluices within said town of eight feet across and under —

Art. 8th. voted the Collector of Taxes be authorized to make a discount of five per cent to all those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within sixty days after —

Art. 8th. Continued, — .
after the tax bill is delivered in to the hands of the Collector. —
voted the Collector of taxes shall pay over all monies he may collect once a month to the Treasurer, and that all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury by the first day of January next. —
Also voted the Collector be hereby authorized to collect all single Poll taxes, after he receives the tax Bill, on demand, — and H. D. P. Bigelow Bid off the collection of Taxes at one percent. —
voted to take up the fourth article, —
Art. 4th. By Ballot chose H. D. P. Bigelow Collector of taxes for the ensuing year, who come forward and sworn May 19th. 1851 — By me Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, — . —

Art. 9th. voted to pay the Sextons the same as last year, viz:— for digging and filling Grave; ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death, Tolling it at the funeral, and attending with his horse and the Towns Hearse, one dollar and seventy five cents, — also that the friends of the deceased pay him one dollar more for his services. — .

Voted to take up the Eighteenth Article
Art. 18th. Voted to Choose a Committee of three to inform themselves what right the town has with this Article, and make report at a subsequent Meeting. — — . — .
By vote chose William F. Slocum, Philip Wing, Asa F. Smith — } Committee

voted to take up the thirteenth Article. . —
Art. 13th. Voted to Authorize the several Prudential Committeemen to hire the School teachers in their respective Districts the ensuing year. — —

Voted to take up the fourteenth Article

Art. 14th. Voted to pass over this Article, —— .

Voted to take the twentieth Article,

Art. 20th. voted to Choose a Committee of three to examine the Town-Hall and make report at a subsequent Meeting. —

By vote Chose Philip Wing, Noah Fletcher, Luke Leland } Committee. —

Voted to take up the twelfth Article

Art. 12th. Voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" which is in the following words & figures,

To the Citizens of the Town of Grafton.
The Trustees of the "Pine Grove Cemetery" ask leave to present the following Report. —

The balance against the Cemetery as reported April 1. 1850. was. —— . —— . —		$214.04
Expended for Labor Trus^t^ since that time		59.36
Total . —		$273.40

Receipts since April 1. 1850. as follows; viz: —

Rec^d^ of Town Treasurer per order	200.00	
" for Lots sold. .	19.00	
" " Trees Grass &c .	10.20	229.20
Total Rec^ts^, two hundred twenty nine dollars & 20/100.		$. 44.20

Leaving balance against Cemetery of forty four 20/100 Dollars. — —

Recources as follows Viz: —

Due from Sundry persons on account two ~~two~~ hundred four ten 35/100 Dollars, If all dues were collected balance in favor of Cemetery would be one hundred seventy 15/100. dollars, Twenty two persons have been buried since March 1. 1850. — —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Grafton March 1. 1851. — A. F. Smith, Chairman of Trustees, —

And by vote the Meeting was Adjourned to April 7th next at two o'clock P. M. —

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

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Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of April next at one O' Clock in the afternoon, being the first — Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No Five to serve for two years from the fourth of March 1851.

The Polls will be Opened to receive the votes for the above Officer at one O' Clock in the afternoon on said day, The Polls will be Closed at 4. O' Clock in the afternoon of said day. — . —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting-house in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — . —

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. —

Lewis Holbrook
Frederick Waterman
Samuel F. Redding
Samuel B. Dollivar
Erastus Fisher.
} Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester ss. April 7th. 1851.
I have served this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town pursuant to the directions in said warrant,
Charles Prentice Constable, of Grafton,

A true Copy Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 7th. day of April A.D. 1851. at 1. o'clock P.M. being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Representative in the 32d. Congress of the United States; — . — . — . — .

The whole Number of Ballots given in was three hundred Sixty two.

Charles Allen. of Worcester had one hundred ninety nine votes, . 199.

Ira M. Barton " " had one hundred seventeen votes . 117

John S. C. Knowlton " " had Forty two votes . 42

D. F. Thomas " " had Four votes . — 4

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And by vote the Meeting was dissolved

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —.

April 7th. 1851. The Town having met at 2. O'Clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual March Meeting from the 19th day of March last the following further proceedings were had; to wit; —.

First read the acts and Records of the last Meeting, — Voted to take up the 4th. Article and act thereon, — Voted to have Three fence viewers for the ensuing year.

By vote chose Solomon Carroll } fence viewers
" " " Joseph Kimball }
" " " Barnabas Newton }

sworn April 17. 1851.

" " " Samuel Hall, Pound Keeper.

" " " Charles Brigham. Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway Taxes in Stead of Charles Daniels who declined and was excused. — who appeared and was sworn June 2. 1851 By C. Prentice J. Clerk,

motion was made and it was voted to choose a Committee of three, to attend to the repairs of all Bridges of eight feet across and over, Also to cause railings to the roads wherever there is danger of accidents to happen by reason of such defect,

By vote Chose Barnabas Newton
" " " Alfred Morse
" " " James G. Putnam
} Committee,

Voted to take up the fifteenth article. . —

Art. 15th. Voted The Selectmen be hereby authorized to cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. o'clock M. and at 9. o'clock P.M. the ensuing year. . — . —.

voted to take up the 20th article. .

Art. 20th. The Committee Chosen at the last Meeting to examine the Town-hall, and report at a subsequent meeting — what repairs in their opinion would be necessary to make thereon, to wit: — . — . — .

Mr. Philip Wing, Made a verbal Report, Saying that in their opinion, some repairs are needed to be Made on the Town-hall, and should recommend to have them Made, not to expend thereon a sum exceeding twenty five dollars. — . — . — .

The Town voted to accept of the report. Also voted that the same Committee, viz: Philip Wing, Noah Fletcher and Luke Leland, be hereby authorized to do and attend to the performance of the same. —

The Committee Chosen at the last Meeting to inform themselves as to what right the town has to fencing up the the Canal bridges, mentioned in the 18th Article Made their report which is in the following words and figures; to wits: —

Mr. Moderator & Gentlemen

The Committee to whom was submitted the question whether the Town have a right to fill up the Blackstone Canall at the bridges near Col. Joshua W. Lelands, and near the factory of W. A. Fisher & Co: have investigated the facts and law material to the matter and now respectfully submit the following report: —

Prior to the location of the Blackstone Canal the road that now passes over the Canal bridge near Col. Joshua W. Lelands was enjoyed by the Public without the burthen of maintaining said bridge — Afterwards when the Canal was located and built across the highway at this point the Canal Company built the bridge — Afterwards about the year 1835. the bridge was repaired by the town — and since that time has been kept in repair by them, In the year 1844. the Legislature of this State, by Statute, (Chapter 166. of the acts of that year) to facilitate the construction of a Rail Road between Worcester and Providence, as a substitute for the Blackstone Canal, Authorized the President, Directors & Company called the Blackstone Canal Company, to sell their entire property or any part thereof — After provisions relative to the Sums of the Company, which are refered to in said act, the Act Section 3. provides that: the land over which the Blackstone Canal has been located shall not be sold and conveyed for any other than Rail Road purposes, and such land as shall not be sold for Rail Road purposes, shall revert to the owners there of divested of the easement of the Canal Company. —

It is claimed by the owners of the soil at this point, that by virtue of this law they have succeeded to the rights of the Canal Company; and in as much as the town was bound to — support the bridge for the benefit of the Canal Company, they are bound to do it for the owner of the land, — .

We have not fully investigated the question whether the town was obliged to maintain this bridge for the benefit of the Canal Company, there is much doubt on this point. But in our view it is not necessary under existing circumstances to settle it — in order to determine the present rights of the Public as against the proprietors of the soil, For we cannot learn that the owner of the soil has taken any thing by grant from the Canal Company; but what they do gain by the giving up of the Canal is by reversion; That is to say in the language —

of the Statute" the land that is not used for Rail Road purposes shall revert to the owners there of divested of the easement of the Canal company"

The owner of the land by this is placed back where he was before the taking of the land for a canal, and takes his orignal rights and no more, by locating, building, using & giving up the Canal, the rights of one individuals or corporation have not been taken — from them & given to annother — but the rights of each have returned. Therefore the owner of the lands has the rights that he had before his land was taken for a Canal, & the public have the rights that they had before the canal was built. — what are these rights: It is well settled by our Courts that they are these: the owner of the land over which a highway is located has the exclusive property in the lands subject, however, to the easments and rights of a public highway, such as the rights of a passage over it, & to construct and repair the road, and therefore to dig up and remove from place to place within the limits of the road, any earth Sand, gravel, Stones or turf — The owner of the soil may sink a drain or watercourse below the surface of the land covered by the way, care being taken to cover it sufficiently so that the way remain safe and convenient for passengers, If the highway be located over water courses either natural or artificial, the public cannot shut up these courses, but may make the road over them by aid of bridges, when the way has been located over private lands, and the owner of the lands should afterwards open a water course across the way it will be his duty at his own Expense to make and keep in repair the way or bridge, over the water course for the safety and convenience of the public, and if he should neglect to do it he may be indicted for a nuisance, and upon a conviction the nuisance may be abated by filling up the watercourse, Therefore in this case if the owner of the soil does not consent to have the Canal filled up at this Points, and will keep the bridge in repair so as to be safe and convenient for the public, the the Town <u>cannot</u> lawfully fill up the canal, But if the owner of the soil does not keep the bridge in repair so as to make it safe and convenient for the public,

then the town may fill up the canal at this point,

The facts in this case do not bring it within any of the provisions of the Statute of 1844. Chap. 166. relative to rights of the canal company, or Mill owners to maintain their Dams, The road at this point if the canal is filled up will not obstruct the maintaing of a turn in the Blackstone River, Neither will it interfere with the legal rights of any Mill owner that had an interest in any Dam or works connected therewith at the time the canal was given up, If they wish to maintain a Dam at this point they can do so. & if they wish they can take the water through the canal if they will maintain a safe and convenient road over if for passengers. —

It is also claimed by the owner of the land that inasmuch as the town has maintained this bridge for twenty years & upwards they cannot now fill up the canal at this point, and is still bound to maintain the bridge as against the owner of the soil, This possition, your Committee are of the Opinion is not warranted by the facts or the law and does not vary the conclusion heretofore expressed. —

The facts relative to the canal bridge near the Factory of W. A. Fisher & Co. differ from the facts concerning the bridge near Col. J. W. Lelands in this particular.

The road at this point was located and constructed after and across the canal. Therefore in accordance with the principles heretofore laid down the town cannot close the canal at this point but must maintain a road over it by aid of a bridge

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Grafton April 7th. 1851. — —.

Wm F. Sloan
Philip Wing
A. F. Smith,
} Committee

The Town voted to accept of this report.

Attest,
Charles Prentiss, Town Clerk, —

Voted to take up the 7th Article. — . —

Art. 7th. Motion was made to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meeting to Appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be worked out in a labor tax on the highways. It was put to vote and it passed in the negative, . —

Voted to take up the 17th Article and act thereon, . —

Art. 17th Voted to accept the following accounts. —.

Overseers of the Poors Acct.	— ,	36. 00
Timothy Hunt.	" ,	1. 50
Samuel Wood ,	" ,	3. 00
Benj.a S. Watson ,	" ,	4. 81
Wm. H. Slocum & others	" ,	56. 22
Wm H. Slocum	" ,	20. 00
Rufus Prentice & others	" ,	12. 35

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved, .

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

To Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

agreable to the vote of the Town we have appointed the following individuals for Measurers of Wood & Bark. —

Jonathan H. Wood. }
Luther Stowe } Sworn May 7th. 1851
W. L. Lewis }
L. H. Bigelow } Sworn May 6th. 1851. —
Charles B. Jencks. } Sworn May 19th. 1851
E. A. Buffum }
W. A. White }
G. C. Taft } Sworn May 8th. 1851.
Levi N. Leland }
Jon. B. Sibley. }

S. H. Redding }
Frederick Waterman, } Selectmen
Sam.l B. Tolliver } of
Erastus Fisher } Grafton.

Received April 19th. 1851
A Copy Attest — Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Notice.

To whom it may concern, I, David Farnum in behalf of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Farnums ville in Grafton hereby give Notice that all persons are forbidden to pass over the lot of land adjoining the Meeting-house belonging to said Trustees on the North, said lot of land laying between the County road leading from Farnums Ville to Grafton Centre on the East, and the County road leading from said Farnums Ville to Worcester on the west, and bounding by land of Luther Wright on the north. — Grafton June 12. 1851. —

David Farnum, —

Received June 12th. 1851. — A true copy. —

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town, Clerk, —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — . — . Greeting. —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 2d. day of June at 4. o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit: — . — . .

1st. To Choose a Moderator. — . — . — .

2d. To see if the town will Choose an agent to oppose the location of a County road from the depot of the Boston & Worcester Rail Road to the County road leading from Grafton to Worcester as petitioned for by Charles Bigham and others, or act thereon. —

3d. To see what compensation the town will allow Thomas L. Jacobs for damages which he sustained by the upsetting of his carriage on or about the twelfth of March last in consequence of defect in town way near the house of Solomon Carroll, or act thereon, — .

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meting in New England Village, Farnums ville, and Saunders village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meting. — . —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this 22d. day of May in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. —

Lewis Holbrook } Selectmen
Samuel F. Redding }
Samuel B. Dolliver } of
Erastus Fisher } Grafton.

Worcester, ss,
June 2d. 1851. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public meting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A true copy
Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —. —.

At a legal meting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 2d. day of June A. D. 1851. the following proceedings were had, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Lewis Holbrook Moderator.

" 2d. Motion was made by Mr. Samuel Wood to oppose the location of the Road Mentioned in this Article. and it was voted to choose an agent for that purpose, —

By vote chose William F. Slocum, Agent, — . —

Art. 3d. Motion was made by Wm. F. Slocum to refer the subject matter of this article to the Selectmen, and for them to examine the road and dispose

of the subject as they think best, —
It was voted to refer this article to the Select men
And by vote the Meeting was dissolved,
Attest Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Worcester ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday 30th day of June current at 4. o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

1st. To choose a Moderator, — . —.

2d. To see if the town will adopt the law enacted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth on 26th day of May last — entitled "an act relating to the erection and use of Buildings for Stables and Bowling Alleys", as petitioned for by Jonathan Warren and forty seven others or act thereon, —

3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the widening of the road between Joseph Kimballs and Seth J. Axtells and act thereon

4th. To see if the town will appropriate Money for special Repairs on the road leading from Joseph Kimballs to Harvey J. Pratts and cause the same to be expended on said road, or act thereon, — , —

5th To Accept town debts. — , — , —

And You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said Town and at the Meeting-houses in New England village Farnum's ville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — . — —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. —

Lewis Holbrook
Frederick Waterman
Samuel F. Redding
Erastus Fisher,
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss,

Grafton June 30th. 1851.

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton,

A true Copy.

Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 30th Day of June A. D. 1851. the following proceedings were had, to wit: —

Art. 1st. By ballot chose Lewis Holbrook Moderator,

Art. 2d. The town voted to adopt the Law passed May 24th. 1851 Relating to Stables and Bowling Alleys —

Art. 3d. Voted to accept the Selectmens Report in widening the Road between Joseph Kimballs and Seth G. Axtells which is in the following words and figures. — —

To the Town,

we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton have widened the town way between Joseph Kimball and Seth J. Hastell, for the use of the town as follows, beginning at a Stake on the East side of the said road South 18° 45' W. and 3 56/100 rods from the southwest corner of Hannah Scotts barn, thence on land of said Scotts South 6° East 3 2/3 rods, thence South 18° 45' East, 3 4/5 Rods to Road above Mentioned, containing about 3 rods of land, — and we have awarded the said Scott 7 Dollars as damage to be paid by the town of Grafton before said Road is opened, which said road is reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way, —

Grafton June,

Lewis Holbrook, } Selectmen
Frederick Waterman }
Samuel F. Redding . } of
Sam[l] B. Dollivir , } Grafton
Erastus Fisher . }

A true Copy accepted June 30th. 1851 —
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Art. 4th. The Town voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be laid out on the roads Mentioned in this article, viz; — Between Joseph Kimballs and Harvey J. Pratts. And also voted the Selectmen be a Committee to the laying out the hundred dollars on said road according to their best Skill and judgments, —

And by vote the Meeting was dissolved

Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

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These articles of agreement made and entered into this first day of April A.D. 1880 by and between Solomon E. Goulding of Grafton and Charles R. Wheelock and William E. Wheelock Administrators of the Estate of Russell Wheelock late of said Grafton deceased, witnesseth, that the line of division fence between the said Goulding and the said Wheelocks as administrators as afore said shall be established as was divided in the life time of said Russell Wheelock, with the said Goulding, which was and is as follows to wit:— Said Solomon E. Goulding begins the line at land of Hollis Chamberlain on the north and runs fourteen rods & 20 links, which he has built of Stone Mostly and of wood which he is to support and Maintain forever, the line runs southwardly next on said line the said Wheelocks as Administrators as aforesaid are to build and Maintain on said line about twenty eight rods. forever. Thence on said line said Goulding is to Maintain nineteen and a half rods now built by him of Stone Next is on said line. said Wheelocks. about nine rods and that is Stone wall built and his to Maintain, Next is the said Gouldings twelve rods, it is wall built by him, and is his part of the division line to support and keep in good repair for a division fence to the lands before Mentioned Next is seven and a half rods to be built by the said Wheelocks in their said capacity of administrators as aforesaid, this is their part of the division line to ~~be~~ support ~~ed~~ and keep in good repair for a division fence to the lands before Mentione, —

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written. —

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
Charles Prentice.

Charles R. Wheelock L.S.
William E. Wheelock L.S.
Solomon E. Goulding L.S.

A true copy.
Attest.

Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

This may certify that we Levi C. Heywood & Salem Griggs have made a division of fence, South on School lot No. 2. and North on School lot No. 1 and that Levi C. Heywood is to support 27½ Rods Commencing on the road at the East line and running about 13⅝ rods west and the said Griggs ~~Support~~ to support 27½ Rods running west and the said Heywood supports the balance west on the line, Grafton April 11th. 1851.

Attest. Salem Griggs,
Charles Prentice. Levi C. Heywood,

A True Copy. Recived April 11th. 1851.

Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Know all men by these Presents That I, Sumner Dunsmore of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal and we Jonathan D. Wheeler & William F. Slocum as Sureties are holden and stand firmly bound and obligid unto the inhabitants of said town of Grafton a corporation duly established according to law, in the full and just sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid unto the said town of Grafton To the which payments, well and truly to be Made, we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands and Seals, Dated the seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the said Sumner Dunsmore shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Constable of said town of Grafton in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him then this obligation to be void; Otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of. Samuel C. Flagg.

Sumner Dunsmore L.S.
Jon[a] D. Wheeler L.S.
Wm. F. Slocum L.S.

The undersigned Selectmen of said town of Grafton here by certify that we are Satisfied with the within Bond and the Sufficiency of the Sureties therein Named witness our hands at said Grafton this seventeenth day of June A.D. 1851.

Frederick Waterman
Samuel F. Redding
Lewis Holbrook
Erastus Fisher.
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest,
Charles Prentice Town Clerk.

Know all Men by these Presents. That we Henry H. Messenger and Samuel H. Allen both of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the inhabitants of said Town of Grafton in the full and just sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants their Executors, Administrators or assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be Made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents witness, our hands and seals Dated the thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

The condition of this obligation is such That Whereas the said Messenger has been duly Chosen and Sworn as Constable for said Town of Grafton for the current year, Now if the said Messenger shall faithfully and legally perform all the duties that May devolve upon a Constable of said Grafton for the current year in the Service of all civil processes that may be committed to him and shall cause this Bond with the requisite Approval certified thereon to be recorded in the Town Clerks Office in said Grafton. then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of
Sam.l F. Rudding

Henry H. Messenger [L.S.]
Samuel H. Allen [L.S.]

This certifies that we have examined the within Bond and and surety and consider them Sufficient. Grafton June 30. 1851.

Lewis Holbrook, Sam.l F. Rudding, Erastus Fisher } Selectmen of Grafton.

A. True Copy.
Recived June 30th. 1851.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

To the Town Clerk of Grafton, The following names are the Militia of said Town as enrolled and taken by the assessors of said Town for the year 1851. —

Salem Griggs,- Thomas J. Griggs,- Grenville P. Kittredge,- Leander Stockwell,- George W. Carey,- Lowell White,- Silas A. Forbush,- B. H. Green,- William Dowley,- George W. Collier,- Russell W. Collier,- Almond Mann,- John Whitney,- Patrick Bellew,- Jeremiah Flagg,- Mathew A. Cook,- Frederick Waterman,- Benjamin Jourdan,- Charles B. Demond,- Charles D. Holmes,- George W. Taylor,- Charles Prentiss 3d,- Henry R. Keith,- Howard Watson,- Daniel S. Carpenter,- Henry G. Prentiss,- Royal A. Keith,- Harrison Eames,- Moses Eames Jr, David Salsbury,- Augustus Salsbury,- Daniel Whitney, William A Fisk, Andrew H. White. Jerome Keefe,- William S. Bruce,- Samuel Porter- Jonathan B. Sibley,- Sylvanus Bosworth, David R. Chamberlain, George Dunn,- Jeremiah Sullivan,- John M. White, Sylvanus W. Farrington,- Alpheus Knowlton,- Andrew Olney, Monroe J. Fuller,- Edwin J. Leland, Michael Bulger,- Elliot E. Jourdan,- Sylvanus Morse, Angelo L. Wheeler, William Shurtleff,- Thomas M. Shurtleff, William H. Brown, Israel Brown, Daniel Lincoln Wm. W. Farrington,- Manson W. Rice,- Joel Taft,- Calvin S. Thurston, John C. Thurston Warren C Munyan,- Lawson Munyan, Moses P Stow, Cornuck Durfey,- Hendrick Hunt, Otis C. Fay.- John P. Hayden, Wyoma Algier, Edwin Hall, Patrick Hopkins. John T. Brooks,- Jonathan Stow, Jonathan W. Stow- Edward McCormick, Leonard Brown,- John Mealey,- Isaac P. Wheeler,- Amos R. Bates,- Samuel B. Flagg, Joseph C. Flagg, Lyons E. Dalrymple, Samuel Drury, Edward P. Dennis,- John H. Stiles, Andrew H, Adams, John L. Adams,- Michael Carter, William Menor, Bradford Chase, Perley Lackey, Charles Morse- Peter Hunt,- Rodney Leland, Lowell Marsh.- Joseph Adams 2,- James White- Jonas Monroe, Edward Moynihan, Patrick Kilbough, Daniel Kilbough, Charles L. Chamberlain, James Bulger, Jonathan E. Nichols George Pelton, Frederick Brimblecom, Francis H, Brimblecom, Joseph Copeland, John L. Adams 2. Thomas Coats. Elijah B. Knowlton, William S. Gates, Ebenezer Lincoln, Ethan R. Thompson James Martin Anderson Thayer Benjamin F. Watson, Frances Carroll,

69 Elbridge Newton, George H. Newton, Nathan S. Wheelock, Hanson T. Harrington, James Green, John Harrington Nathan L. Chaffin, Noah L. Goodrich, Adolphus F Goodrich, William Rix, Charles H Jencks, John G. Demond, John B. Smith. — William A. Sawyer, Ebenezer Hutkins, Francis Sawyer — Charles R. Whitney, Samuel Chase, Daniel H. Maine, Joseph Dolliver Jos. H. Cobb, Henry H. Messenger, John B. Phips Samuel D. Pennock, James G. Haywood, John M Nichols. — Robert L. Chase, David Sibley, Seth M. Sibley, Edward Inman, Levi Richardson, Abner M. Stow Alden Whitney, John Maxey, Benjamin Chaplin, Isaac J. Gibson, Albert Scott. Ashley W. Rice, Charles Kelly, Adams Godfrey, William H. Harrington Harrison K. Putnam, Charles H. Arnold, Edwin Smith — Charles Haywood, Samuel Willson, James H. Smith, Alonzo Putnam, Oliver Dimon, Loran Larned, Jeremiah Larned, Henry Emory, Charles D. Rand, Loran Hoyle, Aaron Elliott, Joseph Kelly, Juvenus F. Goodrich, David Chase, Isaac D. Palmer, Hartley W Chapman — Joshua Heard, Lorenzo H. Buck, John Loe, Otis Brown, Andrew Athy, William Taylor, John Scott, James Scott, Daniel G. Heath, James Sullivan, Henry Johnson Nicholas Johnson, James Tyler William S. Crosby, Lorenzo P. Crosby, Thomas Johnson, Henry Johnson, Leander Putnam, John Nichols, Andrew J. Copp Horace Linsley Albert S. Drake, Andrew S. Phillips Jacob Grimm, Hiram Ward, Freeman W Rice, William Palmer John H Barns, Richard Odlum, James Pratt, David Holdsworth, Thomas Marsden, John Daniels, Elisha Daniels, Ephraim E. Healy Hanson Burns, William Prentice, James McDermott Preston G. Willard, George Phillips, Moses L. Batcheller John Hutchings, Andrew J. Paine, Benjamin Haywood Jr Michael Carney, John Nash, Elhanan Rice, Calvin Wesson Orvis L. Bliss, Roswell A Smith, William Wallace, Royal A. Leland, Samuel E. Leland, Charles H. Hudson, James F Hudson, Edward A. Hudson, — Edwin Prentice, Charles Prentice P. Warren Brigham, Henry D. Howard Eli B. Sadler,

Michael Kuffe, Otis Fuller, Josiah G. Hall, Francis N. Hall, Amherst J. Ford
Jarrant S. Sherman, J. J. Peach, John Plummer, Michael Canada, —
William W. Merrill, Charles T. Jenkins Hillel Baker, Richard Shanessy,
Alexander Ford, Augustus, Eri Jackson, Charles Hagar, William Folly, Abraham
W. Kempton. Calvin Prentice, Simeon C. Crombe, Horace Batchellor, Rufus L
Witherbee, William H. Slocum, Minot Amsden, Hiram Fernald, Richard K,
Crane, Calvin Forbush, Daniel Carney, John D. Adams B. Charles Rowell, —
Dwight W. Scott. Charles H. Newton, E. R. Fuller J. A. Cox. Charles L. Brook,
Henry Sherman, Daniel J. Smith, Edwin W. Smith, Silas A. Forbush,
Winthrop Faulkner, Aaron Corey, Austin L Bassett, Harvey
Wright, Allen Plumb, Artemas L. Briggs, Charles M. Barker,
Albert Braddish, Emory Fay, Charles W. Knowlton, Augustus
Knowles, — Dennis, — Patrick Powers, Harry Brown,
William Wallace, Flint Howe, Shepard Cooper, Lewis L Simonds, —
Charles Dumore, Charles Moore, Charles Howard Marion Pettis,
George Nichols. Tebena C. Lincoln Thomas Kuffe. James Carney,
John Dooley, Solomon E. Goulding, Walter C Robinson Cyprus D.
Aldrich, George A Barns, David Fisher, Levi P. Bigelow, —
Henry Hapgood, N H. Odion. Darius White, Joseph D.
Adams, John M. Newton, Jarvis O. Marryan, Henry L. Holden,
Albert Smith. John P Leland, Cyrus W Stratton Robert A. Smith
Albert Braddish, Seth J. Axtell. James B Stratton, James H.
Smith, Francis Spring, C. Franklin Howe, Harvey J. Batte,
Samuel C. Whitney Martin R Howe, Seth D. Chapin, Thomas G
Flint, Joseph Willard, Curtis Maynard, Henry Lawson
Thomas Bradford, Patrick Hanley, William J. Barker
Elijah B. Brooks, Samuel W Putnam, Lewis H. Bigelow
Truman Jose, Isaac Hough, Joel Colby, Edwin B. Randall, —
Elion H. Wheelock, Barnabas Mc. Manners, Patrick Conlon
Clark Goulding, James Mason, Charles F Leland —
Francis B. Pratt, Noah K. Meriam, William S Gifford,
Edmund F. Wheeler, John Mc Quaid, Jasper S. Nelson. Henry
Nelson, Leonard Nelson, Henry Bartlett, Almond Lowell,
Edmund T. Reuben, William Davis, William L. Lewis, —
Lewis Daniels, Charles H. Fuller, Chester W. Bailey, E. S.
Monroe, Samuel B. Dollivor, Joseph D. Dispeau. —
Charles Prentice 2d. Jonathan R. Putnam, Charles Spring
Octavus Pararo, Ariel H. Davenport Alden B. Plimpton,

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Reuben B. Fuller, Jesse H. Smith, Jonathan Chamberlain, John Dent, Joseph Snow, Thomas D. Wright, William H. Dispeau Adolphus T. Murry, Isaac Lilley, Hiram Willson, Orin L. Davis Call C. Turner, Daniel G Fairbanks, Albert S. Drake Orin Thompson Thomas Emory, C. Richards, Stephen Foster, Dennis Kenney — Anthony Dandurent, Thomas Aldrich Charles Goddard 2d, John Griffin Jabez Newton, Lucius P. Chamberlain, Ephraim Chamberlain, Pascal Summeter, Eustus Fuller, Isaac Cooks, Edwin Smith, Edwin L. Aldrich, Augustus L. Gregory Thomas Fishlock, Elbridge G. Harrington, J. D. Palmer, Simeon Bolton Ezra C. Graves, B. Green, Nathan Reynolds, John Stewart James Arnold, Ephraim Bolton, Samuel Wilson, George Wright John Wright Albert Sweet, J. W. Harrington John S. Sweney, Elisha L. Livermore, Thomas Reardon, Maurice Reardon, Nathaniel Stow, Thomas L. Jacobs, John Cosgrove — Mathew Mc Neff, Patrick Mc cormick, Abraham Vancuren, Amasa Thurber, John Davis, Augustus E. Brooks, — James Shannahey, John W. Adams, Earle Mcmyan, — Alexander Russell, Stephen Russell, Marcus Bond Henry Gales, Thomas Gales Jr. John P. Crosby, Peter Newfon, Ebenezer Dodge, Cheney Lathe. L. B. Mc Here= kiah Morse, John Murphy, Daniel Young, James Young, James F. Cooper, Charles Pollard George F. Warren, Horace Beach, Waterman Brown, — Christian Mitchell, Leander Velander, Patrick Hand Jephthah P. Newton William D. Frederick Holbrook, Erastus Fisher, Isaac Redding, James Stanfield, Charles Wilder, — Joseph Shaw, Antone Jerode, Louis Podvar, Augustus Benway, Peter Benway, Paul Foatro, Andrew Cushie, John Cushie, Mason Morse, King Morse, Smith P. Chase, Geo. W. Ferry, Thomas Eddy, George Hudlum, George S. Case, Harolain F. Eddy, Peter Mc. Keone. — Mathew Mc, Arthur, George Hudlum, William Place William S. Place, Esek Place, Mark R. Pierson, — Jacob Spring, Levi L. Smith, Gilbert C. Taft, — Arnold Sherman James H. Beamy Elisha Chase Jr Pardon F. Hone, Patrick Kinzie Croydon Smith L. Woodburn, William Fullerton, Joseph McHenery, —

Asher Moore, Charles Howard, George Woodburn, Sylvester Lee, Elisha Chase, Judson Balcom, George W Bradford, Thomas A Buffum, Albert C. Williams Nelson Sibley, Eldredge Pettis, John Barns, Lewis Labree John Labree, Luke Fennon, Charles Fenmore, Edward Mathott, John Lathom, P. Minot, Lewis Sellipot, Thomas Gale, Stephen R. White, Daniel J. Smith, Edwin W. Smith, Loran Davis, Wm. L. Sibley, Wm R. Clark, Henry Fuller, George S. Macallum, John Lee, Leonard Howard Darius Ferry, Nelson Ferry, George Fullgo, Joshua Canydon, Francis Winn, Sumner Eaton Fearing W.R. Coster, Otis Pratt, Horace Beach, Horatio M. Davis, Willard Ferry, Nathan Handy, Charles Rice, Samuel H Redding, Henry Simpson, Horace Day, Manly E. Dodge, Wm. E. Stow Joseph W. Mathews, Samuel G. Bullen, Levi J. Benson, Joseph N. Hodges, Ezra Churchill, Samuel Hall 2d. William Hall, William Mc Ferren, James Nash, Henry G. Fisk, Joseph W. Leland, Abel L Hawes, James Mc Tawney, Absalom Hastings, Seward A. Brown, Luke Prall, Dexter L. Ball, John Carness, William Powers, Rufus W. Davenport, George R. Bates, Moses C. Woodbury, Thomas J. Drury, Samuel A. Chute, Charles H. Pierce, William S. Woods, William C. Stockwell, Anson Hancock, Charles Jackson, George F. Slocomb, George R. Enslow, J. C. Forbush. Frederick, W. Kimball, Leander Stockwell, Granville Kittredge, John S. Cummings, John Mc Cann, Charles Estabrook, James Carney, James Gleason, James Welch, D. W. Scott, Charles Penniman, Henry F. Wing, Spencer Chamberlain, Harrison W. Wood, John H. Kimball, Luther C. Rawson, Eldridge B. Fairbanks, Joseph Sabran, Charles Knowlton, Truman M. Marble, Horatio G Greenwood, Calvin N. Holden, James W. White, James M. Kimball, Daniel Sumner, John Sargents, Benjamen Moulton, James W McKenney, George W. Estabrook, J. S. Nelson, Frank Nash, Otis Fritsell, A. M. Bigelow H. D. P. Bigelow, Luke F. Allen, Samuel C. Flagg, Lewis W. Dodge, James E. Dodge, Patrick Jennings, Lewis Jory, Willard H Morse, Charles Welcome, Barnabas Newton M.C. Abbott, David White jr, Tyler Harrington, Samuel Hutchinson, Linus E. Newell. Fisher A. Bosworth, John B. White Silas Winton,

Nathaniel Brocon, Silas A Pierce, Samuel A. Dalrymple, Charles D. Howard, John C. Bennett. Samuel C. Bennett, William Smith, Leander, Elijah Perkins, William Macorney, John Macorney, H. C. Hawes, Edwin H. Chapin. George W. Warren, Horace S. Warren, Jonathan C. Warren, Daniel J. Witherly, George D. Whitney, Joseph Bell, Thomas Brecor, Samuel W. Flagg, Ruel F Knowlton, Martin Hassell, Henry P. Parsons, James M. Pratt, Noah Fletcher Wm. Spaikman, Thomas Read, James W Carpenter, Henry B. Powers, Hanson & Hinds, - Stephen B, Gary, Levi G. Paine, Alfred Holden, Lorin Hastings, William Holbrook. James G. Putnam, Thomas - Brecor, William Brecor, Luther Stowe Henry G. Sherman Obediah D. Mayo, Hart Phillips, Willis Works, Richard R. Crane, Thomas Cady. George Brown, Benjamin Craggin, A. J. Cox, Binoni Gouldthwaite, George W. Hall, Alexander Jacobs, A. Russell, Job Russell, George H. Field, Benjamin Robinson, Ashley W. Rice, Ora S. - Gibbs, Nathaniel R. Patten, Uriah Scarles, David David W. Scott. George W. Hastings, Patrick Smith, James Roan, Luther Stow, Rufus L. Whitney, Hug= ustus Slocomb, George Wright, Patrick Dorhaty, -

Total Seven hundred & Eleven, — —

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. — ,

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in Elections, and town affairs, to Met at the town hall in said Grafton, on Monday the tenth day of November next, at Nine o' clock A. M. in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant - Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing. —

And also, to choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next: —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one ballot, and for Representations on seperate ballots. —

Also to bring in their votes by ballot Yea, or Nay, on the following question, "Is it expedient that Delegates should be Chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, — : —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers, and object, at Ten O' clock in the fore noon on said day, and closed at 4. O' clock P. M. —

And You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants above named to meet at the place above named at two O' clock P. M, on said day to act on the following articles,

1st. To choose a Moderator, — . —

2d. To see what compensation the town will make to Edward P. Dennis for damage done to his horse, waggon &c. occasioned by their falling into a deep hole near the house of Lovell Baker in September last, or act thereon, —

3d. To hear the report of outstanding committees and act thereon, — . —

4th. To Accept Town Debts, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meting Houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meting-house in New England Village, Harnums Ville, and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meting, —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. —

Lewis Holbrook, Frederick Waterman, Samuel F. Redding, Samuel B. Dollivor, Erastus Fisher. } Select-men of Grafton,

Worcester ss,

November 10th. 1851. I have served this Warrant by Posting up an attested copy there of at each of the Public Meting-houses in the town of Grafton, pursuant to the directions in said warrant,

Charles Prentice, of Grafton. —

A true Copy.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, held at the Town-Hall in said Grafton on the tenth day of November, being the second — Monday of said Month A. D. 1851. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester, all on one Ballot, Also for a Representative to Represent said town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. —

Also to bring in their votes by ballot Yes or No. — on the following Question "Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to Met in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, —

The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor was Six hundred and eight, to wit: —

For Governor. —

Robert C. Winthrop of Boston had Two hundred forty votes,

George S. Boutwell of Groton " One hundred thirty two. Votes,

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge " Two hundred thirty three votes,

Whole Number of Ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor. was Six hundred Eight. — . —

For Lieutenant Governor, — . —

George Greenell of Grunfield " Two hundred thirty nine Votes,

Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston " One hundred twenty seven votes,

Amasa Walker of North Brookfield. " Two hundred thirty nine votes

Albert C. Parsons of Northfield " One vote, — . —

The whole Number of Ballots given in for Senators was Six hundred and eight, — . —

Charles Thurber of Worcester had Two hundred thirty eight. — votes,
George Davis of Sturbridge " Two hundred thirty eight. — votes,
Joseph White of Winchendon " Two hundred thirty eight, — votes,
Augustus E. Hill of Harvard " Two hundred thirty eight, — votes,
Francis Dean Jr. of Uxbridge " Two hundred thirty eight. — votes,
John S. C. Knowlton of Worcester " Three hundred fifty . votes,
Albert Alden of Barre. " Three hundred fifty seven — votes,
Moses Woods of Fitchburg " Three hundred fifty seven, votes,
Freeman Walker of N. Brookfield " Three hundred fifty Six .. votes,
Elmer Brigham of Westboro' " Three hundred fifty eight. votes,
Thomas K. Ware of Fitchburg " one . — . vote.
Albert Tolman of Worcester " one . — — vote,
Telano Pierce of Grafton " one . — . — vote,
Samuel Johnson of Northboro' " one . — . — vote,

The vote on the expediency of a convention to revise the Constitution. is 311 For and 243 against it. —

Whole Numba of Ballots for Representative in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next was. Five hundred ninety five. (595.)

Abraham M. Bigelow had Two hundred Nine & five Votes
J. J. Goggs. had Two hundred Twenty four Votes –
Frederick Waterman had Sixty Nine Votes –
Nessary to a choice is 298 votes. —

Also was given in for Representative on the same day and at same Muting; viz: —.
Oliver M. Brigham had Two Votes. —.
Jonathan Warren " Two Votes. —.
C. M. Pratt. — " One Vote. —.
Samuel B. Dollivor " one Vote. —.
Lewis Holbrook " one Vote. —.

For Representative there is no Choice
And by vote this Muting is adjourned to Tuesday November 11th. instant at 9 o' clock in the fore noon for the purpose of Choosing a Representative to Representative of said town in the Next General Court to be holden at Boston. —

Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

At a legal Muting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the 10th Day of November A. D. 1851. at 2. o' clock P. M. the following proceedings were had. to wit: — —.

Art. 1st. By ballot Chose Otis Adams, Moderator, —
" 2d. Motion was Made to refer this article to a Committee of three and it passed in the affirmative,
By vote Chose William F. Slocum, Charles Goddard, Calvin W. Forbush } For said Committee,

Voted to accept the Report of the Select men a Committee appointed by the town to look into the facts of Thomas Jacobs claim on the town for damage,

which is in the following words and figures. —

To the Town, the Select men to whom was refered the claim of Thomas Jacobs against the town for damage which he alledged that he received to his person on or about the 12th. day of March last in consequence of defect in the road near the house of Solomon Carroll, have attended to that duty and report that they have examined into all the facts and evidence which has come to their knowledge and are of opinion that the town is not liable to him for any damage. - Grafton Nov. 10th. 1851. —

Lewis Holbrook
Fredrick Waterman
S. F. Redding
Erastus Fisher

Also voted to accept the following Report. —

To the Town of Grafton, the Selectmen who were directed by the town to Make Special repairs on the Road leading from the Westboro road near the House of Harvey J. Bratts to Joseph Kimball's, Report that they have Made repairs on the above road to the amount of the appropriation of one hundred Dollars, Grafton Nov. 10th. 1851. -

Lewis Holbrook
Fredrick Waterman
S. F. Redding
Erastus Fisher

- Also voted to accept the Committee's Report for repairs done on the Town Hall. . - $13.67.

February 20th 1852. Jonathan H. Wood come forward and said that he was appointed by the Selectmen a Measurer of wood and Bark for the year ensuing and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty of that office Before me

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk —

74 Also voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed by the
Town to cause the Road to be made between the house of
Solomon Carroll & Benjamin S. Watson which is in the
following words and figures to wit: —

To the Town of Grafton. —

The Committee appointed by the Town to cause a
Road to be made between the house of Solomon Carroll
and Benjamin S. Watson have discharged that duty
and report That they have caused the above
road to be Made at an expence of $1.45 per
rod Total expence 52.92. —
Grafton Nov. 10th. 1851. —

Lewis Holbrook,
Otis R. Thorpton. } Committee,

Art 4th Voted to accept the following acts.

Benjamin Kingsbury's act services on taxes . . $39.38
voted to accept Charles Prentice's for services on Taxes &c, . 60.25

And by vote this Meeting was dissolved —

Attest.

Charles Prentice Town Clerk

November 11th. 1851. The Town having Met pursuant
to adjournment from the 10th Instant at 9. o' clock
A.M. for the purpose of Choosing a Representative
to the next General Court the following proceed-
dings were had to wit: —

The Town voted that the Polls be closed at 12. o' clock M. —
Whole Number of ballots was five hundred seventy seven
Nessary to a choice is — 289. —
Abraham M. Bigelow had three hundred thirty one Votes
and is Chosen. —
J. J. Griggs had one hundred ninety Eight Votes
Frederick Waterman had thirty Eight Votes
Jonathan Warren had four votes —
C. M Pratt - had one Vote —
Lewis Holbrook had one Vote —

Salmon Hathaway had one Vote —
Daniel Byran had one vote —
Oliver M, Brigham had one vote —
Samuel B. Dollver had one Vote —
And by vote the Meeting was dissolved —
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk —

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Westboro and Grafton have this 20th. day of December A. D. 1851. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westboro being the most anciint town for the purpose of perambulating and renewing the marks between our Sd. Towns, and having attended to that service make return as follows, viz: Begining at the corner of Upton & Westboro on the Grafton line thence N. 1½°. W. four hundred & sixty three rods to a Stone erected on Benj. Nurse land, thence S. 87°. W. three hundred & fifty two rods to a Stone erected at a corner thence N. 15¼ E. twenty rods to a Stone at an angle, — thence N. 28½°. W. thirty eight rods to a Stone erected at an angle on the North side of the road, thence N. 21½°. E. seven rods to a Stone erected at an angle in the wall, thence crossing the Rail Road N. 45°. W. thirty one rods to a Stone erected at the corner of Grafton, Shrewsbury, and Westboro, —
Dated this 20th. Day of December A. D. 1851. —

Edwin Bullard } Selectmen of
Lowell Billings } Westboro, —
Lewis Holbrook } Selectmen of
Sam.l F. Redding } Grafton, —

A true Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Agreeable to notice from the Selectmen of Grafton, we the subscribers, Selectmen of Grafton and Millbury met at the Stone monument westerly of the House of Lewis Holbrook for the purpose of perambulating the boundary line between the aforesaid Towns, and have discharged that duty by examining the monuments at both the angles of said boundary line, and we find them in good condition, — In witness thereof we have this day signed duplicates Grafton Dec. 25. 1851. —

Henry K. Greenwood } Selectmen of
Joseph S. Farnum } Millbury,
Lewis Holbrook } Selectmen of
Frederick Waterman } Grafton, —

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk, —

Agreeable to Notice from the Selectmen of Shrewsbury, We the Subscribers Selectmen of Shrewsbury and Grafton, Met at the Monument near the road South of the House of Luke B. Witherby for the purpose of perambulating the boundary lines between the aforesaid Towns and have performed that service by examining the Monuments at the several angles of said boundary lines. There are 27. Monuments, and we find them in good condition, —
In witness whereof, we have this day signed Duplicates, —

Thomas R. Worcross } Selectmen of
Levi J. Hemenway } Shrewsbury,

Sam[l] B. Dolliver } Selectmen of
Erastus Fisher. — } Grafton,

Dated this 13th. day of Nov[r]. 1851. —
A True Copy,
Attest, Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

Whereas a controversy has arisen between John T. Stow and Elijah Stow both of Grafton about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands in said Grafton. —

We the Subscribers, Fence viewers, of the town of Grafton duly Chosen and Sworn, having on the application of the said John T. Stow (and after having given due notice to the said Elijah Stow) viewed the premises and duly considered the Matter in dispute, have assigned, and do hereby assign to each of said parties his share of said fence, as follows; viz:— — — — — — — —

The said John T. Stow shall build and keep in repair, a good and Sufficient fence, to wit:— Beginning in the Old house Standing on said premises at the west side of the Chimney thence running East about five rods to a Stake and Stones in a Garden, thence Southerly to a corner between the widow Sally Stow, Elijah Stow and John T. Stow twenty two rods - Making whole length of line for John T. Stow about twenty Seven rods to Stake & Stones, — . — . —

And the said Elijah Stow is to build and Maintain the remainder of line between them with a good and Sufficient fence, Beginning at the widows west corner of the old Barn Yard at Stake & Stones thence westerly to Stake & Stones near the lane, thence Northerly to Stake & Stones, thence westerly to Stake & Stones in wall, this is Seventeen rods, thence from Stake & Stones in wall Northerly about four rods. thence Southerly to Stake & Stones in wall near an old Pond-hole being in the whole thirty two rods be the same More or less, Each of the said parties are to build their part set to them on their own land as the law directs, within fifteen days from the date hereof, Given under our hands at said Grafton this 6th day of September 1850. —

Solomon Carroll
Ethan A. Thompson
Samuel Dispeau.

A True Copy.
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the first day of March next at 9. o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit; —

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, —

" 2d. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer,

" 3d. To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing,

" 4th. To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon, —

" 5th. To hear the Report of the overseers of the Poor and act thereon,

" 6th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon,

" 7th. To determine the Manner of Repairing the Highways = Townways & Bridges the ensuing year, — , —.

" 8th To Raise Such Sums of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the year ensuing and make appropriations of the same or act thereon, — , — , —,

" 9th To See what discount the town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within Such Periods of time as the town Shall direct and determine when all taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector or act thereon — , — . —

" 10th. To See what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead or act thereon, —

" 11th. To hear the Report of the Trustees of the Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon, — . —.

" 12th To hear the Report of the Trustees of the River Side Cemetery and act thereon, — . —.

" 13th To See if the town will authorize the Several Prudential Committees, to employ the School teachers in their Respective Districts, or act thereon, — . — — —

" 14th. To See if the town will establish a high School as the law provides, as petitioned for by C. B. Willson and others or act thereon, — , — , —

Art. 15th. To See if the town will pay a bounty of 25 Cents a head on all Crows that may be killed within the town the present Year or act thereon as petitioned for by Levi Bigelow and others, — — —

" 16th To See if the town will procure three fire Engines with all necessary accompanying Apparatus for Extinguishing fires for the use of said town, one to be kept in the Center of said town, one at New England Village and one at some convenient point in the Southwestern part of said Grafton, or act thereon as petitioned for by John W. Slocomb and others. —

" 17th. To See what compensation the Town will Make to Rev. George S. Ball for damage done to his horse & Chaise in consequence of his horse, breaking through the bridge in Kitoville on the 12th of Dec last or act thereon, — — —.

" 18th. To See what compensation the town will Make to John B. White for injury done to his horse occasioned by breaking through the Canal bridge Near the house of Joshua W. — Leland in the Month of September 1850. or act thereon,

" 19th To hear the Report of any out Standing Committees or act thereon,

" 20th. Accept town Debts, — — —.

" 21st. To See if the town will cause one of the Church Bells to be Rung at 12. o'clock, M. and at 9. o'clock P.M. or act Thereon,

And you are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meting-houses in New-England Village, Farnums ville, and Saunders Village to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting, Here of fail not and Make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meting aforesaid. — Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and fifty two. —

Lewis Holbrook
Frederick Waterman
Samuel F. Redding
Samuel B. Dollivor
Evastus Fisher,
} Select-Men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. March 1. 1852 I have Served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy there of at each of the Public Meting-houses in the town of Grafton Pursuant to the directions in said warrant. — Charles Prentice Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest. Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At the annual March Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of March A. D. 1852, the following proceeding were had, to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Joseph Brue Moderator of the meeting. ..

" 2d. Anthony Chase had one hundred Sixty one votes for County Treasurer,

" 3d. By Ballot Chose. voted to have five Selectmen for the year ensuing. —

Erastus Fisher	}	Selectmen for the year Ensuing. — All of whom come forward Mar. 1. 1852
Charles Goddard		
Frederick Waterman		
Charles Prentice 2d		
Benjamin W. Fay		

and were Sworn by Joseph Brue Moderator

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

By Ballot Chose Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

who was Sworn by Joseph Brue, Esqr. March 2. 1852.

Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

By Ballot Chose Jonathan Warren. Town Treasurer.

who come forward and was Sworn March 24th. 1852 -

By me Charles Prentice. Town Clerk

Voted to Choose three Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. and all on one Ballot. — . —

By Ballot Chose Oliver M. Brigham	}	Overseers of the Poor — . —
" " " Lewis Holbrook		
" " " Charles Goddard		

Voted to have three Assessors for the ensuing year and to be Chosen on one Ballot. —.

By ballot Chose Charles Prentice	}	Sworn by Jos. Brue Mar 2d. 1852 Assessors. Sworn May 1. 1852 Sworn June 16. 1852.
Luke Leland		
Oliver M. Brigham		

Voted to take up the fourth Article and act there on

Art. 4th the Selectmen Made their Report which is in the words and figurs following. — . — . —

To the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton. —

The Selectmen of the town of Grafton at the completion of their official duties for the year ending March 1st. would submit the following Statements —

of the Condition of the town as followes, — .

They have Settled with Jonathan Warren — Treasurer of said town and find his amount correct, — and is as follows — — . — — — — — .

1851.

Feb 26	To amount in the hands of Treasurer & Collector		541.69
	Receivd of State Treasurer for Support of State Paupers		101.64
	" Interest on E. Singletary's Note — . — .		60.00
	" Amounts of County & town taxes . .		8552.86
	" of the town of Uxbridge for Support of L. Fo Burton in the State Lunatic Hospital. — —		63.18
			9319.37
July 26.	By paying interest on town notes	570.00.	
	" " interest on Money borrowed	39.65	
	" Paid Samuel H. Allen for Land damage	116.81	
	" paying Assessors orders abating taxes	182.73	
	" paying Lunatic Hospitals for Support of R. A. Johnson . — . — . —	125.70	
	" " " " " Susan L. Wheelock	50.79	
	" " " " " Polly Dunsmore	58.18	
	" " " " " L. S. Burton	59.00	
	" " State Lunatic Hospital Support of Laura Shotten . — . —	42.21	
	Interest on the above .	2.93	
	" Paid for Support of Common Schools Years 1851 and 1852. —	2200.00	
	" " Overseers of the Poor	836.00	
	" " General School Committee for services	135.50	
	" " Samuel Hall as Sexton	56.00	
	" " Charles B. Jencks as do.	50.75	
	" " Assessors of Taxes .	136.98	
	" " James G. Putnam damage of Road across land . .	43.19	
	" " Solomon Carroll do.	9.25	
	" " L. S. Pratt for damage for drawing off water while building Wheelock Brid	48.00	
	" " Smith & Pratt. do.	37.50	
	" " Benjamin Kingsbury do.	12.00	

By paid T. C. Bircoe balance of School Money for 1850.		$. 37. 34
" " Bridge Committee . . .		115. 00
" " Recording Births, Marriages & Deaths. .		63. 96
" " Trustees of Riverside Cemetery . .		950. 00
" " Joseph H. Whitney for making Road near S. Carrolls . . .		52. 92
" " Special repairs on road Near H. J. Pratts.,		100. 00
" " Repairs on Hearse in center of the Town.		40. 78
" " Sundry other orders not particularly described. . — . —		156. 63
		$. 6329. 80

Whole amount of Receipts	9319. 37	
do . do of Expenditure	6329. 80	
Balance in favor of the Town	$. 2989. 57	
Consisting of Money in Treasury	361. 49	
& of Taxes not collected or not paid in	2628. 08	
	2989. 57	

Resources of the Town

Amount in hands of Treasurer & Collector,	$. 2989. 57
E. Singletary's Note. —	1000. 00
A Farm & buildings thereon valued at	4800. 00
Stock, hay, Grain Farming utensils house hold furniture as Valued by overseers. .	1729. 25
24. acres wood land as appraised by overseers.	800. 00
	$. 11318. 82

Liabilities of the Town.

1852 Feb 2 Dr.	One Town Note Abigail Russell Sutton	$1000. 00
	" " " B F. Chase Suttons. —	1200. 00
	" " " Worcester County institution for Savings . . — . — .	2000. 00
	" " " State Treasurer .	5000. 00
	" " Elizabeth Cheney Holden.	300. 00
		$ 9500. 00

Whole Amount of Assetts. — .	11318. 82
Whole Amount of Liabilities	9500. 00
Balance of Assetts over Liabilities	$. 1818. 82

All of which is respectfully Submitted,
Grafton February 26th. 1852.

Lewis Holbrook
Frederick Waterman
Sam. F. Redding
Sam. B. Dolliver
Erastus Fisher
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Also voted that the Selectmen get one thousand Copies of their Report printed for the Inhabitants of said town,

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen Made on Guide posts, which is in the following words and figures

The undersigned Selectmen of Grafton ask leave to present their reports of all the places at which Guide Posts are erected and Maintained within said Town of Grafton as follows viz:-

At the corner of the road near the house of L. W. Forbush, at the corner near the house of J. D. Wheeler, at the corner near the house of S. H. Allen, at the corner near the house of William Wallace, at the corner near the Sutton and Uxbridge roads, a little South of the last named place, at the corner near the house of Joseph Brice, at the corner near the house of Wm. A. Fisk, at the corner near the last named place and the house of George Dunn, at the corner a little North of the house of Henry D. Howard, at the corner near the Indian Burying ground, at the corner near the Meting house in Farnum's Ville, at the Corner near the house of David Farnum, at the corner near the house of the late Widow Gleason, at the corner near the house of Nelson Ferry, at the corner near the house of Austin Holbrook, at the corner near the School house in Saunders Ville, at the corner near the house of John Hitchings, at the corner near the house of Oly Converse, at the corner near the house of L. L. Pratt, at each of the corners between the Burying ground and the house of Samuel Dispeau, at the corner of the Providence and Worcester roads next to the last Mentioned place.

at the corner near the Alms house. at the corner near the Meeting-house in N. Br England Village, at each of the Corners near the house of Jasper W. Putnam, each of the corners Northerly of the house of Tarrant Merriam, at the corner near the house of Charles T. Fay, at the Corner near the house of Nathan S. Wheelock, at the Corner near the house of Elijah B. Knowlton — at the Corner near the house of Solomon L. Goulding at the corner near the house of Harvey J. Pratt. — at the corner near the house of Joseph Kimball at the corner north of the house of Solomon Barron, at the corner of the house near Jefferson Bellows, at the corner near the house of Jonathan Tibbey. —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 1st. 1852. —

Lewis Holbrook
Frederick Waterman
Samuel F. Redding
Sam[t] B. Dollivar
Erastus Fisher
} Select-Men of Grafton

Voted to take up the fourth article and act thereon

Art. 4th. The Town voted to reconsider the Vote, accepting the Report of the Selectmen for the purpose of objecting their charge for paying the General School Committee for their services when the Money was not received from the Commonwealth by their neglect, .

Then voted to accept of said Report. — . — . —

Art 6th. The General School Committee Made their Report which is placed on file. — . . —

The Town Voted to accept of said report. —.

Motion was Made and voted to Choose a Committee of five to examine the Report, respecting remarks made in said Report which relates to Selling the School houses and building School houses, and abolishing School Districts &c. — and report at a Subsequent Meeting, —

By vote chose Dolr. Levi Rawson
Austin Holbrook
Rev. E. B. Willson } Committee.
Asa F. Smith
Seth J. Axtell

It was voted the General School Committee get one thousand copies of their Report Printed for the inhabitants of said town, —.

Voted to take up the 17th Article and act thereon.

Art 17 It was Moved and voted that the Selectmen be herby Authorized to Settle with Rev. George S. Ball, according to their best Skill and judgment, — —

Voted to take up the 14th Article and act thereon; —

Art. 14th. Motion was made to establish a high School as the law provides, divided the house 76 for it and 106 against it. —

It was then moved the town establish a high School, Negatived
Divided the house, 82 for, and 80 against it. Then voted to Choose a Committee consisting one from each School District, to devise some plan for the establishment of a high School in said Town, and make report of their doings at a subsequent Meeting,

By vote chose Wm. F. Slocum for District No. 1.
" " " Benjamin Heywood Jr " " 2.
" " " Levi N. Leland " " 3.
" " " Seth J. Axtell " " 4.
" " " Henry R. Keith " " 5. } Committee
" " " Luke Leland " " 6.
" " " Oliver M. Brigham " " 7.
" " " Joseph B. Adams " " 8.
" " " Asa F. Smith " " 9.
" " " Austin Holbrook " " 10.
" " " Wm L. Lewis " " 11.

Art. 15th. To hear the Report of the overseers of the Poor which is in the following words and figures—

The overseers of the Poor present the following Report to the Town, — —

80. Expence of Supporting Paupers on the
Farm past year. — . . — .

Interest on farm . .		288. 00
Expence incured in carrying on farm. Boarding Nursing, Clothing Inmates, . —		646. 93
Agents Salary , . —		275. 00
Medical Attendance & Medicine. — , —		5. 88
Total, —		$1215. 81

Balance of Inventory above last year	50. 09
Amount of Products sold off Farm.	509. 88
Betterments on farm by culling Ditch & brush,	50. 00
Due from State for support of State Paupers.	133. 56
Whole amount . — .	$743. 53
Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on farm, — .	472. 28

Whole number supported or assisted
on farm past year 18. . — .
Number of weeks board 216. . — .
Average cost per week. — $1.78. —

Cost of Supporting Paupers off farm past year
For Supporting Sally Phillips . — . — 34. 00
Deborah Warren . — 33. 00
Lucius Stone . — 26. 00
Charles M. Sherman . 13. 00
Emma L. Sherman . 26. 00
Andrew Dumore . 12. 00
Michael Tulin . 18. 00
Family of Leonard Arnold . 7. 00
Margaret Doherty . 2. 90
Total Expence of Supporting Paupers off farm. $171. 90

Whole Number Supported or assisted
off. farm. — 11. — Whole Number
of Paupers Supported or relieved past year. 29. —
Total Expence for Supporting Paupers
past Year. — . — . — $644. 18

It will be seen that the expence per week is much more than last year and there are several reasons causes that seem to have opperated in such a result, and 1st. the small number of weeks of board, is one and the dryness of the season affecting the crops and our not having but little Beef & Pork to turn off as we hope there will be another season if successful, for there is a larger Stock of hogs & Cattle on hand than ever heretofore; and consequently much more Manure for the benefit of the farm, & besides it perhaps is not to be expected that a Stranger to the farm would be likely to do as well as they would on more experience, and probable we shall not expect to be more successfull in obtaining a Superintendant, The Overseers reported the expediency of setting fruit trees on the farm last year both for convenience and profit, they now add that there is a piece of ground prepared and will be in good order for that purpose this Spring, also they would remark that a course of improvment has been pursued and that the many hedges in the Swamps and lots have been cut and cleared which must add to the Scenery and profit of the farm, and some ditching has been done and more is necessary, and if a course of improvement is to be pursued the board are of opinion that it will be for the benefit of the town to build a Barn in the next year, and that it will be for the interest of the town to make some preperations during this year if it shall so be determined, —

Graston March 1st. 1852, — —.

Oliver M. Brigham
Charles Goddard,
Holland Greenwood,
} Overseers of the Poor,

And by vote adjourned this Meting to Monday the 22d. day of March current. at 1. o'clock P.M. —

Attest.

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

81. March 22d. 1852 The town having met at 1. o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment of the annual March meeting from the 1st Instant, the following further proceedings were had, viz: — Read the proceedings of the last Meting.
Voted to take up the 14th Article. —

Art. 14th. Voted to lay this Article on the table for the present,
Took up the 3d. Article.

Art. 3d. Voted to choose a Committee of three for the —
General School Committee for the ensuing year,
voted they all be Chosen on one Ballot, —
Whole Number of Ballots was Sixty seven

By Ballot chose. Rev. Thomas C. Piscoe. } General School Committee had 47 votes
" E. B. Willson } 66. votes
" Wm. Severett, } 53. votes
Necessary to a choice is 34 and they are Chosen. —
Voted to Choose Six Constables for the ensuing year. — . — . —

By Ballot chose, Charles Prentice, } Constables of Grafton,
Sworn march 23. 1852 Sumner Dunsmore } Sworn March 30. 1852
David Chase. }
Declines Serving. — Barnabas Newton, }
Voted to dispense of chosing any More Constables. — . — . —

Voted to take up the 7th article. —

Art. 7th. Voted to have the highways and town way and Bridges of Eight feet across and under in said Town repaired as last Year and allow for Man twelve and a half cents per hour & the same for one Yoke of oxen — while they work tools are left discretionary with the Surveyors how Much to allow for the Same, —.

Voted to have Thirteen Highway Surveyors — for the ensuing Year. — . —

By vote chose Joseph Bruce. } Highway Surveyors Sworn April 3. 1852
" " " Daniel Whitney. }
" " " Elliot C. Jourdan } Sworn March 30. 1852

Also By vote chose. Darius White } Surveyors of Highways &c. — Sworn March 30. 1852
" " " " Perley Lackey } Sworn March 29. 1852.
" " " " C. M. Pratt }
" " " " Solomon Carrol } Sworn June 10. 1852
" " " " Eseck Saunders } Sworn March 26. 1852
" " " " Benj.a Kingsbury }
" " " " Daniel H. Maine } Sworn March 25. 1852.
" " " " Jefferson Billows } Sworn June 9. 1852
" " " " Lewis Holbrook } Sworn Apr. 5. 1852
" " " " Peter Hunt . , } Sworn March 30. 1852.—

Voted to have ten fire wards for the ensuing year.

By vote chose Joshua W. Harrington, } Fire wards. —
" " " John W. Slocomb, } accepts April 14. 1852.
" " " David Jourdan . }
" " " Otis Frissell . } accepts March 24. 1852.
" " " James G. Putnam, }
" " " Eseck Saunders , } accepts March 26. 1852.
" " " David W. Carpenter . } accepts March 25. 1852.
" " " Jonathan Warren . } accepts March 24. 1852.
" " " Chandler M. Pratt . }
" " " Barnabas Newton }

Voted to have six field Drivers for the present year,

By vote chose Oliver M. Brigham } Field Drivers. —
" " " Benjamin W. Fay . } Sworn May 9. 1852
" " " Leonard Snow . } Sworn March 26. 1852
" " " David Chase } Sworn March 30. 1852
Joshua W. Leland . }
h Winthrop Faulkner, } Declines. Serving.

Voted to choose ten Measurers, of wood and Bark, for the ensuing year — . — , —

By vote chose, Charles A. Pierce . } Sworn April 7. 1852
" " " Charles B. Jenckes, }
" " " David White , }
" " " Thomas A. Buffum }
" " " Jonathan H. Wood . .

82. Also for Measurers of wood and bark. -

By vote Chose Rufus E. Warren,
" " " Lewis N. Bigelow — Sworn April 24. 1852
" " " Gilbert C. Taft
" " " Augustus Slocomb
" " " Levi N. Leland.

Voted to have two Surveyors of Lumber. —
" " " Noah Fletcher,
John M. Davenport, } Surveyors of Lumber

By vote chose Joseph W. Leland, Sealer of weights and Measures. who come forward March 25. 1852 - and was sworn. by Mr. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Voted to have three Sealers of Leather for the Ensuing year, -

By vote chose Freeman M Marble
Jonathan C. Warren, } Sealers of Leather
John Whitney. .

Voted the Selectmen be hereby authorized to be the Auditing Committee on amounts for the ensuing year. — . — . — . —

Voted to have three fence viewer Chosen for the Year Ensuing. —

By vote Chose Austin Holbrook
Sworn April 5. 1852 Benjamin Aldrich } Fence viewers —
Luke Leland .

Voted to have three Tithing Men for the ensuing year.
By vote chose James G. Putnam,
Winthrop Faulkner } Tithing Men, —
Joseph Willard .

By vote Chose Willard A. Morse. Pound Keeper for the ensuing year

Voted to take up the Eighth Article and act thereon.

Art. 8th. Voted to Grant the Sum of Eight thousand five hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year.

Voted to appropriate the Sum of twenty eight hundred Dollars in addition to the interest of the School note and what may be received from the Commonwealth for Schooling the ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate the Sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the repairs of highways, town ways and Sluices of Eight feet across and under within said town the ensuing year,

Voted the highways be repaired in the same Manner as last year and to allow for Man and one Yoke of Oxen each twelve and a half cents per hour for the time they work the price to be allowed for tools is left discretionary with the several highway Surveyors.

Voted the town appropriate the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Special repairs to be Made on the new road, between the house of H. D. P. Bigelow and the house of Otis Adams. -

Voted the Select Men be hereby authorized to lay out the aforesaid Sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars according to their best Skill & judgment.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to take Charge of all Bridges of Eight feet and over across within said town for the ensuing Year,

By vote chose Luke Leland. Solomon Carrol, Austin Holbrook. } Bridge Committee, [Bridge of E. R. Thompson chosen]

83. Voted to take up the 9th. Article and act thereon.

Art. 9th. It was voted that all persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within Sixty days after the tax bill shall be commited to him shall be entitled to a Discount of five per cent. Also that all Single Poll taxes be collected on demand, the Collector shall pay over all Monies to the Treasurer Collected by him once in thirty days. and complete his collection by or before the first day of January next, he shall have no abatement on taxes after the first day of January 1853. unless he shall return a list in writing to the assessors that it has not been in his power to collect the same, he shall have no discounts on any Monies. except the County order and what is paid into the Town Treasury within Sixty days from the time the tax bill is committed to him by the Assessors. —

Voted to put up the collection of taxes to the lowest Bader and it was struck off to H. D. P. Bigelow to collect said taxes. at and for nothing on the Dollar, —

By vote Chose H. D. P. Bigelow Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing. — — who came forward and was Sworn May 25th 1852 By me Charles Prentice Town Clerk

Took up the 10th Article and acted thereon —

Art. 10th. — The committe to whom that part of the General School committes report relating to the abolishment of the School Districts, was referred, Submit the following report, — :

After as much investigation as their time and circumstances enabled them to make, the committe are of an unanimous opinion, — that it would be essentially for the interest of our Schools, — for the town to abolish their present District System; They Therefore recommend that the necessary preliminary steps be taken to — bring the Question — whether —

they will or will not; legally before the Town. —
All of which is Respectfully Submitted, — . —
Grafton March 22 - 1852. -

Levi Rawson,
Austin Holbrook,
Asa F. Smith
C. D. Wilson,
Seth J. Axtell,
} Committee,

Accepted March 22. 1852.
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

Also voted the Select men be hereby required to call a town meeting to act on the following article. viz: — —

To See if the town will abolish their present School District System,

Voted to accept the Bridge Committees Report which is in the following words and figures. —

The Committee chosen by the town for the year 1851. to repair all Bridges that have Sluices eight feet wide and over, also to cause railings to the road where ever there is danger of accidents to happen by reason of such defects, have attended to that duty and beg leave to make the following reports, —

The number of Bridges that came within the dimensions assigned them was twenty three of which seven are now built permanently of Stone, the others are of wood, some are nearly new, while others are nearly worn out, your Committee think it will be necessary to build one or More the coming season, your Committee have now covered three Bridges the past season, and repaired Most of the others on which they have expended the sum of $90.50 on Bridges, and the sum of $28.33 on Railings Making the sum total of $118.83. as will be seen by the following Bills. . ———

For 1400 ft.	Plank for Creeper Bridge $1.40 pr M	19.60
"	60 lbs. Spikes for the same. 3¼ c. . .	1.95
"	4 days work on the same . .	5.00

84. 2 Days on Canal Bridge near W. A. Fishers &c.

Factory. — .	2.50
890 feet of Plank & Spikes for the same.	10.62
1234 feet Plank for Bridge near G.W. Websters house	17.28
Spikes & Nails for the same. ,	.72
2 days work on the same .	2.50
Stringers for Canal Bridge near Col. J.W. Leland's	15.00
work & Stock repairing Bridge near J. Phillips	3.75
" & " " Bridge near Waterville S. House	2.50
" " " " Bridge near Solomon Carrolls house	2.00
" " " " " near Peter Hunts house	1.50
" " on all other Bridges .	5.58
Railing near Grocer Bridge so called.	1.20
work on the same .	1.00
600 feet Rails for railing between Wright & Morse's factory & Providence Depot 2 ct .	12.00
59 Posts for the same, 17 "	6.63
6 Days work on the same ,	7.50
	$118.83

Received orders on Town treasurer
at Sundry Times . — $115.00
Sold old Sleepers at Whalen
Bridge . 4.00

$119.00
118.83

Leaving a balance in hands of Committee 1.17
Stringers & Plank on hand . — . . 17.00
All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Grafton March 22d. 1852. —
Barnabas Newton
J. G. Putnam.

And by vote This Meting was adjourned for two weeks from this day at 9. o'clock A. M.
Attest.
Charles Prentice, Town Clerk

April 5th. 1852. The Town having met at 9. o'clock A.M. pursuant to adjournment of the annual March meting. from the 22d day of March last. the following further proceedings were had, to wit; —.
After Reading the proceedings of the last meting, — . — .
Voted to take up the 11th. Article and act thereon. — .
Art. 11th no report was offered. — . . . .
Voted to take up the 12th. Article and act thereon, . . .
Art. 12th. Voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the River Side Cemetery, —
voted the Trustees get one thousand Copies of said Report printed and distributed to the Inhabitants of said town at the expense of said Trustees, —
Also voted that the address delivered by the Rev. Edmund B. Willson at the Consecration of the Cemetery be by said Trustees delivered with said Reports, —
Also voted that the fence enclosing said Cemetery be Painted at the Expense of the town, — . —
Voted to take up the third article and act thereon.
Art. 3d. By vote chose Samuel B. Dolliver Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway taxes. in plan of Chandler M. Pratt, excused. — who come forward and was Sworn April 5th. 1852 By Mr Charles Prentice, Town Clerk. —.
By vote chose James H. Thorndike Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway taxes in plan of Benjamin Kingsbury excused.

By vote chose Ethan B. Thompson one of the Bridge Committee Luke Leland being excused. — . — . —
By vote chose Leander L. Pratt Pound Keeper for the year ensuing.
voted to choose two Trustes for the Riverside Cemetery one to fill the Plan occasioned by the death of Philip Wing. and the other to supply the plan of the Rev. E. B. Wilson his term having expired. -
By vote chose Lewis Holbrook to supply the plan of Philip Wing deceased. — . —

and -

85. By vote reelected Rev. Edmund B. Willson as one of the Trustees. — to the Riverside Cemetery, —

Art. 10th. Voted to allow the Sextons, the same for Burying the Dead as was voted to allow them the year last past. —

voted to take up the 15th article and act thereon,

Art. 15th. Voted to pass over this article which relates to a bounty to be paid by the town on Crows. — — . — .

Voted to take up the Eighteenth article and act thereon

Art. 18th. Voted the Select men be a Committee to examine and look into this article. and report at a Subsequent Meting

Art. 21st. Voted the Select men cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12. O'clock M. and at 9. O'clock, P.M.

voted to take up the 20th article. —

Art. 20th Voted to accept the following accounts.

The overseers of the Poor. acct	. .	36. 00
Daniel Wheelock's Bill	. .	51. 42
Jonathan W Stow	" .	7. 95
John P. Crosby	" .	4. 24
Charles Brigham	" .	15. 78
Thomas J. Wheelock	" .	11. 40
Daniel Whitney	" .	25. 30
O. M. Brigham	" .	6. 87
Solomon E. Goulding	" .	17. 50
Horace Batchellor	" .	3. 37
Timothy Merriam	" .	4. 50
		$. 187. 33

Voted to adjourn this Meting till 2. O'clock P. M. —

At. 2. O'clock P.M. April 5th. 1852. The Town having met. pursuant to adjournment. the following further proceedings were had,

Voted to take up the Sixteenth article and act thereon

Art. 16th. Voted the Town procure three fire Engines. as petitioned for by John W. Slocomb and others. — —

voted to Choose a Committee of seven to procure said Engines with all the accompanying Apparatus necessary for Extinguishing fires for the use of said Town. — . ——

By vote chose Edward B Bigelow
" " " John W. Slocomb
" " " Otis Adams,
" " " Alfred Morse,
" " " Joseph Brue,
" " " Esek Saunders,
" " " Asa F. Smith,
} Committee. —

Voted to take up the fourteenth article and act thereon
Art. 14th voted to pass over this article, — . — . —

Voted to take up the thirteenth article and act thereon
Art. 13th the Town voted to authorize the several Prudential
School Committee men to hire the teachers in their
several Respective School Districts for the ensuing Year,
voted to reconsider so much of the vote authorizing
the Selectmen to examine and make report on the claim
of John B. White for damages done to his horse as ment=
ioned in this article 18th. and make report at some
future Meeting, they having examined the case and
are ready to make their report, which is agreed to
by the town. — —
which amounts to this said John B. White claims
for damage fifty Dollars. the town voted to accept
of said Reports, and voted to authorize the
Selectmen to settle and pay the same to him the said White,
Then voted to adjourn this Meting
to the first Monday in May next, at one
o' Clock in the after noon, — —.

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles; to wit: —

Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting. —

" 2d. To see if the town will abolish their present School District System, or act thereon. —

" 3d. To see if the town will build a Barn on their Town Farm as recommend by the overseers of the Poor. or act thereon.

" 4th To see if the town will withhold the pay of the General School Committee until the amount of the School fund due from the State shall be paid into the Treasurer of the Town.

" 5th. To see if the town will require the General School Committee Chosen for the year 1850. to pay into the Treasury of the Town for the benefit of the Several School Districts in said town the amounts of their services in consequence of their loosing the School fund through their neglect of duty. —

" 6th. To see if the town will authorize their Select men to make a Settlement with the Collectors of said town Chosen for the years 1847. 1850. 1851 and require a list of names from the several Collectors of all persons who have not paid their taxes and the Amount due from each person. —

The 4th. 5th and 6th. Articles was petitioned for. by Samuel H. Allen and others. ——.

And you are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnum's-Ville, and Saunders village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting. —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands this twenty third day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fefty two.

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher.
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice 2d,
Benj. W. Fay. —

} Select men of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

April 5th 1852. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public — Meting-houses in the town of Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant. —

Charles Prentice Constable, of Grafton

A true copy.
Attest, Charles Prentice Town Clerk. — . —.

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, — held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of April A. D. 1852 — the following proceedings were had, to wit; —. ———

Art. 1.st. By Ballot chose Otis Adams, Moderator,
Art. 2d. Voted to pass over this article, . ———
Art. 3d. The Town voted to build a Barn on their Town farm as recommended by the Overseers of the Poor as Mentioned in this article, — Also voted the Overseers of the Poor be a — Committee to Make such preparations the ensuing year, to build said Barn on their town farm the next ensuing year, as they shall in their judgment think proper and best, as to size &c for the benefit of said town. ———

Art. 4th. It was voted to withhold the pay of the General School Committee for their services, until the amount of school fund shall be received from the Commonwealth and paid into the Treasury of the Town of Grafton, —

Art. 5th. Voted that the Selectmen, request the General School Committee chosen for the year 1850. to refund and pay into the Treasury of said town of Grafton the amount they received for their services. —

And by vote this Meting was dissolved, —

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

May 3d. 1852. The Town having met at one O'clock. P. M. pursuant to adjournment of the Annual — March Meting from the fifth day of April last past, the following further proceedings were had, to wit; — —

After reading the proceeding and record of the last Meting. it was Moved to take up the third article in the warrant and act thereon.

Art. 3d. By vote chose Jonathan Brooks Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway taxes in place of James F. Thorndike excused.

By vote chose Henry G Prentice Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes in place of Daniel Whitney excused.

Voted to choose one more Constable for the ensuing year.

By vote chose Samuel G. Congdon Constable for the ensuing year. — who appeared and was Sworn to the discharge of his duty —

By me Charles Prentice Town Clerk

By vote chose Lewis Holbrook one of the Bridge Committee for the ensuing year, Ethan B. Thompson having been excused. — Voted to take up the 16th. Article and act thereon

Art. 16th. Movid to lay this article on the Table for the present. —

Edward B. Bigelow Chairman of the committee chosen at the last Meting held on the 5th day of April last past made a verbal report of the doings of said committee. saying that they had purchased the three engines, with the accompanying apparatus, for the same that they would be completed the first of July and that they had agreed to pay for the same the first of October next that the cost would be about ten hundred and fifty dollars each. — —

Motion was then made by Rev. Samuel Brimblecom to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meting to purchase three fire Engines, &c. — . ———

the vote passed in the negative. — . — . —

Voted to take up the 14th Article and act thereon,

Art. 14th. Voted to accept of William F. Slocum's Motion in writing that is for the town to Establish Three Schools, which is as follows— . —, — Recommend. —

That the town comply with the law in the following manner:— That the General School committee employ three teachers, one to teach in the Central part of the town, one at the Northerly, and one at the Southerly of the town, during such months of the year as shall be a compliance with the Statute at least; which teachers shall be qualified to instruct in the branches of learning Mentioned in the Statute; that said Schools be Kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town; that the town School committee determine the number and qualifications of the Scholars to be admitted into said Schools — . —

That in arranging the admission of Scholars into said Schools, it be so arranged if it can be as that this School will save —

the highest departments of District Schools in the District where said Schools are located, and that three hundred Dollars of the Money raised by the town for the current year for the support of Schooling be appropriated be appropriated for these Schools before the Money raised is divided among the several School Districts, —

Provided always that if any School Districts in the parts, of the town in which it is proposed to Establish said Schools refuse to furnish a place for said Schools and to comply with necessary arrangements, & carry the plan into effect, then said Schools shall not be established in the District that so refuses, but in such other districts in said parts of the town, named as shall provide a place for said Schools and — comply with necessary arrangements for carrying this plan into effect.

Also voted that the town Extinguish Three thousand Dollars of the town debt the ensuing year. — Motion Made by Mr Brimblecom to grant the sum of three thousand dollars in addetion to the former grant. The vote passed in the negative. — Then voted to reconsider the vote to pay three thousand Dollars of the Town debt this year, Rev. Mr Brimblecom Made Motion for the town Grant the sum of three thousand Dollars to pay for the three fire Engines and the accompanying apparratus to the same it was voted in the negative. —

Voted to take up the 20th artick

Art. 20th. Voted to accept the following town Debts,

Daniel Whelney, —	5.49
Seth J. Axtell, —	9.01
C. S. Thurston, —	5.38
Wm. F Vlocum,	34.90

And by vote this Meting was dissolved

Attest Charles Prentiss Town Clerk,

To Mr. Calvin W Forbush of Grafton in the County of Worcester, You are hereby notified that the Pump & Well Standing near the North line of the Estate formerly owned and occupied by Hon. Samuel Wood of Grafton and now owned & occupied by me and near your Stable in said Grafton, Stands upon land of which I am the owner in fee simple, and that I, intend to dispute your right of Maintaining said Pump &c. upon the land so owned by me, and to prevent you from acquiring acquiring any right to said land, or any easement, in upon or over the same, —

Grafton May 26th 1852.

Augustus Slocomb

I this day delivered to C. W. Forbush a true copy of the above

Grafton May 27th. 1852. — G. W. Collier

A true Copy, Received July 6th. 1852 at 8h. 40m. A. M.

Attest.

Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

Know all Men by these Presents, That we — Samuel G. Congdon of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal and Edward B. Bigelow of said Grafton as surety are holden and stand firmly bound and Obligedunto the Inhabitants of said town of Grafton in the just sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the said inhabitants of Grafton, To which payment well and truly to be Made, we bind our selves our Heirs, Executors and administrators, — firmly by these presents. —

Witness our hands and Seals Dated the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. —

The condition of this Obligation is such that if the said Samuel G. Congdon shall as Constable of said Grafton for the ensuing year

faithfully perform his duties in the service of all civil processes which may be committed to him during his term of office as Constable as aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue. —

Executed &c: in presence of
S. D. Hall —

S. G. Congdon [L.S.]
E. B. Bigelow [L.S.]

We certify that we are satisfied with and approve the foregoing Bond as sufficient, —

Frederick Waterman
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice 2d.
Benj. W. Fay. —
} Selectmen of Grafton.

A true Copy. Recived May 22d 1852
Attest.
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton hereby nominate and appoint — Joel W. Fay a Pound Keeper for the ensuing year, Grafton May 22d. 1852. —

Charles Goddard
Chas. Prentice 2d
Benj. W. Fay. —
} Selectmen of Grafton

Who appeared and was sworn by
Mr Charles Prentice. Town Clerk
June 15th. 1852. —

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Sutton and Grafton have this Seventh day of April 1852. perambulated & run the dividing lines and renewed the bounds & Marks, between said towns as provided by law.

Putnam King } Selectmen of
A. D. Chase. } Sutton. —

Erastus Fisher } Selectmen of
Charles Goddard } Grafton,

Know all men by these Presents, that I, David Chase of Grafton in our County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal and we C. M. Pratt. — C. B. Jenckes of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and stand firmly bound — and Obliged unto the inhabitants of said town of Grafton in the full and just sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the inhabitants of Grafton To the which payment, well and truly to be Made we bind our selves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. witness our hands and seals dated the twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord. one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. —

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas the said David Chase has been duly chosen and sworn as Constable of said Grafton for the currant year, Now if the said David Chase shall faithfully perform his duties in said Office in the service of all civil processes which may be committed to him as Constable as aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void, Otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of R. D. Chase

David Chase [L.S.]
C. M. Pratt [L.S.]
C. B. Jenckes [L.S.]

Worcester ss. Grafton June 21st. 1852. we certify that we have examined the foregoing Bond and deem it sufficient and accordingly approve it. Frederick Waterman } Selectmen
Chas. Goddard & Chas. Prentice 2. } of Grafton

A true Copy Record June 21st. 1852.
Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

To the Town Clerk of Grafton.

The follow names are the Militia of said town as enrolled and taken by the Assessors of said town for the year. 1852. — Jacob Spring, John D. Rice, Harolain T. Eddy, Luther Kingsley, Warren Campbell, Hartford P. Dunham, John Dryden Allison Cook, Andrew S. Doe, Walter Forehand, Amariah Holbrook, Joel Colby, William S. Place, Edik Place, Amos T. Johnson, Cornelius Dugan, Gelbert C. Taft, Jeshthah S. Newton Amos Persons, Mark R. Parsons, Levi L. Smith, Stephen C. Brown, James T. Leppet, James Bennett, Augustus K. Johnson, Ferdinand Holbrook, Charles Rice, Erastus Fisher Smith P. Chase, Isaac H. Redding, Albert Hunnes, Jerome Bowerly, Stephen Longee, George W. Ferry, Thomas Eddy, Shepard Cooper, Joseph D. Bonn, William Robbins, — Nelson Ferry, Chester Upham, Cyprus Ferry, Elkanah Rice, William M. Sibley, Marcus M. Aldrich, Stephen R. White, Daniel T. Smith, Eri Jackson, Calvin Prentice, Horace Batcheller, Abram H. Kempton, Joseph Lawrence, Augustus Emerson, Alfred Morse, Thomas A Buffam, Stewart Woodman, Arnold Sherman, James Bixby, Philo Stacy, Charles Howard, Joseph M. Henry, John Lennon, Albert C. Williams, Judson Balcomb, Elisha Chase, Alanson Pettis Alfred Pettis, Benson H. Buxton, Augustus Fowler, Lewis Labree, Charles T. Jenkins, William W. Merrill George W. Crombe, Jason Bassett, Albert Bassett, Austin Bassett. — Garrant S. Sherman. Josiah G. Hall, Frances P Hall, Carlos Hall. Willis Works, Eli B. Sadler, Warren Brigham, Royal A. Leland, Samuel E. Leland, John Hitchings, William Prentice, Mowry L. Britton, Leander Philander, Flint Howe, Albert J. Robbins, Ephraim E. Healy, Stephen W. Gray, Calvin Wilson, Francis Winn, Sewell A Brown Sumner Eaton, Fearing W. R. Carter, Ezra Churchill, Dexter D. Ball, William H. Hall, Samuel P. Hall, Rufus W. Davenport, Allen Plumb, Moses C. Woodbury, Thomas J. Drury, Samuel A. Wheeler, Luther Stowe, George W. Collier, Russell Collier, William P. Downey Benedict A. Green, Lowell White Joseph N Hodges George W. Cary, Leander Stockwell —

Granville Kittridge, James Snow, Charles W Knowlton, David R, Watkins, Samuel B. Flagg, George W Hastings, William L, Stockwell, Lewis Moore. William S. Wood, George R Enslow, Charles M. Barker, Abralom Hastings, Anson Hancock, — Willard D, Wheeler. George F. Slocomb. George Howe. Charles Jackson, Augustus Slocomb, James T Howe. Leander F Smith, Nathaniel Brown, Jonathan C. Forbush Samuel Hutchinson. Albert Braddish, Alden Fletcher. James Crosby, John Pogue. Calvin Forbush, William B Smith, John C, Bennetto. Linus C Newell. David white jr, John B. White Silas Vinton, Benjamin S. watson, Aliakim Atherton. — Uriah Scarles. Samuel W Parker, Henry Murry. — Jonathan J, Peach, Asher Mower. John Chamberlain Asa williams, William Caldwell, Preston Willard, Thomas J. Paine, Willard Clapp, William Haley. — Joseph D. Bonn. William wallace Willis Works — Henry Wright Ephraim C Healy. Elbridge G. Forbush, George H. Fairbanks Elbridge B. Fairbanks- Francis Spring, Henry C Haws, William G Perry, Elisha Frost, — Edwin A Chapin, John Healy. Jerome Wheelock, Richard K. Pratt. Lysander Pratt. Emory Fay, Lewis Fay, Joseph W. Leland. Timothy Bosworth, John L. Adams, Levi T. Benson, Charles H Hudson. Charles W Chandler. Spencer Chamberlain. Levi P. Knight. Steph R Chipman. Angelo L Wheeler. William Stow — Joshua Longdon, Leander S Pratt, Horace Day, James W McKenzie Samuel Baker. Henry H Wing, Richard B Crane, Hiram Fernald Loyman Fay. George W Fay. John J. Paine. Abel S Hawes. William Wheelock. Jonathan H Woods, Francis M. Woods, Henry C. Hawes. Samuel A Dalrymple, William Taylor Silas A, Pierce, John A Pierce. Foreman M. Marble. Samuel W Eaton. John H. Bullen, Obediah D. Mayo. Charles Rowell Alanson G. Hinds, Henry B. Powers, Darius P Lovett. Frederick Brimblecom, William Brimblecom, Francis A. Brimblecom Salmon D. Hall. James W White. James M. Kimball, — Zirkin A Bosworth, James N, Platt, James Gleason. — Benjamin H Carkman, Dwight L. Scott, Charles A. Penniman, Luke F Allen, Samuel C. Flagg. — Lewis W Dodge, John Brophy, Henry Mann,

John Sargent, Horatio G. Greenwood, Otis Fossett, George W. Chickering, Benjamin K Moulton, George B. Pratt, Otis B. Pratt, Martin Fassett, William H Brown, Samuel G. Congdon, Alfred Holden, Noah Fletcher, George W Hale, H. D. S. Bigelow, Lorain Hastings, Charles F. Holden, Winthrop H Davyes, William Holbrook, Edward A Noyes, John M. Davenport, Martin B Howe, James H. Monroe, Harvey J. Pratt, James G. Putnam Jonathan G. Warren, Horace S. Warren, George W. Warren, John D. Warren, Daniel J. Witherbee, David W Carpenter, John W Estabrook, Reed F. Knowlton, Andrew H Adams, Michael Carter, Henry Lathe, James P. Cooper, William Newton, William H. Newton, George A Warren, Otis Fuller, Simeon Crombe, James Thompson, John P. Crosby, Henry Gates, Zebina Goff, Marcus Blonde, Dexter Freeman, Ezekiel Sheldon, Edward Thurber, Abraham Vancuren, Alexander Jacobs, Joseph D. Despeau, Nathaniel Stow, Charles Brown, Harvey K. Potter, James F. Thorndike, Andrew J. Paine, James Ebbett, Zanthy Parker, Benjamin Jourdan, George W. Hammond, Frederick Waterman, George Taylor, Charles R. Prentice, William Kent, Benjamen F. Kent, William A. Fisk, Daniel Whitney, George G. Carpenter, Henry R Keith, Henry G. Prentice, Augustus Salsbury, David Salsbury, Harrison Eames, Sullivan D. Graves, Royal A. Keith, George Dann Zebina G. Seneden, Albert N. Bates, Joseph Henry, Asa Jourdan, Sylvanus Morse, Edwin J. Leland, Benjamen Mathews Elliot E. Jourdan, — Leonard Brown, George S. Coombs, William Shurtleff, Thomas M. Shurtleff, William H. Brown, Daniel Lincoln, Loran G. Clement, Joel Taft, Alanson W. Rice, Calvin S. John C. Thurston, Isaac D. Thurston, William W. Williams, — James Bulger, Sylvanus W. Farrington, Jonathan B. Sibley, David Chamberlain, John H Stiles, Silliman S. Drury, — Peter Hunt, Lewis Sumner, Joseph C. Flagg, Charles C. Wood, Silas L. Stow, Jonathan P. Stow, Lyons L. Dalrymple, Charles L. Perkins, Edwin C. Hall, Henry Small, — Otis C. Fay, Hendrick Hunt, John J. Brooks, Russell W. Colton, John C. Farrington, Moses P. Stow, Samuel C. Whitney, George Branson,

Bradford Chase. Perley Lackey, Levi Rumrick, Cyrus A. French, Darius White, Henry Simpson, Joseph B. Adams, John M. Newton William A. Morse, Henry E Holden, William Warren, Rodney Leland Nathaniel Adams. Joseph Adams 2d. Abijah Adams, James Munroe Adolphus Howe. Charles Chamberlain, Solomon E Goulding, Cyrus D. Aldrich. George H. Aldrich, Levi S Bigelow, Alpheus Bemick Ethan R, Thompson. James Martin. Carlos Joslin, Benjamin S, Watson. Thomas A Leland, Albert A, Smith, Hosea J. Humphrey. Seth J. Axtell, Cyrus W Stratton Newell A Smith. Charles L. Mitchell, Thomas G. Flint, Joseph Willards. Ephraim L. Goulding. Curtis Maynard, — Henry Wesson, Jonathan E, Nichols. John L. Adams 2d. Joseph Copeland. Calvin D Nurse. John Farwell, William J. Barker, Richard H. Burges. Jesse H. Smith John Melony. Hiram Wilson, Nelson Phillips Benjamin Ingraham. Otis Brown, Joseph S Edgerly. John Briggs. Henry Graves. Edward Cary. James A Wilson. Charles H. Wilson. William Taylor, William Leach. Henry Johnson. John Simonds Thomas Johnson. Henry Brown, William S. Crosby. Franklin Baldwin Thomas D. Turner, Charles W, Wingate, William G. Palmer, Caleb C. Turner, James S. Flanagan. Leander Putnam, Hiram H Wards. Andrew D. Shattuck, Alvin Blanchard, David Felton, George Wright, Francis Gerry. A. J. V. Rice, George Hall, James Freeman, David Burke, Austin Mc Namara, Samuel Ray, Joseph Boswell, Sylvester Davis, Horatio Fisk, Edward Clegg, William H. Farmer, Joshua W. Harrington, Lyman Fuller Charles Prentice 2d, Freeman Vanornum, Jonathan R Putnam, Orrel H. Davenport, Alden B. Plimpton, Reuben Fuller, John Bent. William A Dispeau, Andrew J. Phillips, John Nichols, Daniel Emerson. Ira Horner, Timothy Horner, Elbridge G. Harrington, Walter Harrington, Leonard S. Wheelock, Moses B. Browne, Edwin Smith. Amos Fuller, Emerson Fuller William Palmer, Levi Palmer. James Ray. Olney Davis, Orra H. Gibbs, Patrick Conaden. Constant R Davis Charles Spring, Daniel G. Fairbanks, Hanson Burns Matthias Eisman. Robert Lindsey Whitman Bond, Forest Lindsey. Isaac J. Gibson, Francis Sawyer,

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Stephen Foster, Hiram Wilson. Benjamin Mathews. Joseph Gerry. John Blanchard, Alonzo Putnam. Thomas L. Jacobs, Jonnah Leonard. Charles Rand, Aaron Eliot, Patrick Haven. Joseph Kelly, Newman & Allen. Juvenus J. Goodrich, Benjamin H. Barney. Nathan S. Wheelock, Charles Goddard 2d, Elijah B. Knowlton, Lewis H Bigelow. Levi T. Jose, John B. Phillips, James L. Martin, Adams Godfrey. Henry H. Messenger, Marias M. Eliot, William H. Harrington, Robert D. Chase, Daniel H. Maine. Joel F Cobb, Joseph Dollicer, Charles R Whitney, Ebenezer Hutchings, James Green. Henry Daniels Lot Homer, Alanson T. Harrington. Thomas Fishlock. Silas Fishlock. Orin Davis, Charles D. Gleason, Clark C. Willis Edwin L. Eldridge, Olivus White. Edward Smith, Joshua Hanes. Charles H Arnold Harrison K. Putnam, Charles F Leland. Andrew J. Cobb, Henry Gifford, Leonard Nelson, Edwin F Wheeler, Reuben Safford, Thomas Shannon, Josiah Norcross Jr. Calvin Closby. Julius A. Closby, Mathias Erdsman. John Roany. Noah K. Mercam. Charles A Fuller, James Gregory. George H. Greene. Seward M Brown, Thomas Aldrich. Charles Haywood. Nathan L. Chaffin. William Davis Adolphus F Goodnough. Elijah B Brooks. James M Smith. Henry F Knox, Henry Crispen, Hart Phillips Truman Jose.- Henry Pantlet. Lewis Daniels. William L. Lewis. Henry Nelson. John Harrington. Jasper L Nelson. Oliver H. Wheelock. Emons L Rider. John Collson. Elijah L Monroe Chester W Bailey Barnabas Newton, Charles L. Allen, James Houghton, Abner M. Stow. Emory A Taft. Francis C Goddard. John B. Smith. John L. Baker. Andrew H. Adams. Michael Carter. Andrew J Paine Dexter D Ball Leon G. Paine. Samuel W Flagg.

Charles Prentice
Luke Leland
Oliver M Brigham } assessors of Grafton,

whole number Enrolled 586.-

a Copy,

Attest Charles Prentice Town Clerk,

The Committee Chosen by the town for the year 1851. to repair all Briages that have Sluices eight fet wide and over also to cause railings to the roads wherever there is danger of accidents to happen by reason of such defect, have attended to that duty and beg leave to Make the following report,

The number of bridges that came within the dimensions assigned them was twenty three of which seven are now built permanently of Stones, and the others are of wood some are nearly new while Others are nearly worn out. If our committee think it will be necessary to build one or more the coming Season, your committee have Now covered three bridges the past season and repaired most of the others, on which they have Expended the Sum of $90.50 on Bridges, and the sum of $28.33. on Railings, making the sum of $118.83 as will be seen by the following bills,

1400 ft. Plank for Creeper Bridge $1.40. per h. 19.60
60 lbs Spikes for the same 3¼ ¢ . 1.95
4 Days work on the same . 5.00
2 days work on canal bridge near W. A. Factory Fishers Hc. Fishers 2.50. — . — . —
890 fet Plank & Spikes for the same 10.62 — .—
For 1234 ft. Plank for bridge near G. Websters house 17.28.— Spikes & nails for the same 2. 2 days work on the same 2.50. Stringers for canal Bridge near Col. J. W. Lelands 15.00. — Work & Stock Repairing bridge near John Phillips 3.75. 2 Bridges near Waterville S. House. 2.50. Bridge near Solomon Carrolls house 2.00. Near Peter Hunts house 1.50. on all other bridges 5-58-
Railing Creeper Bridge (so called) 1.20. —
Work on the same . . 1.00. —
600 fet Posts for railing between Wright & Morses factory & Providence Depot 2¢. 12.00
39 posts for the same 1¢5. 6.63. 6 days work on the same 7.50

Rec orders on Town Treasurer at Sundry times 115.00 $118.83
Sold old Sleepers at Wheels Br. 4.00 119.00
Leaving a balance in hands of Committee of 17 Cts.
Stringers & Plank on hand $17.00. all of which is respectfully submitted

Grafton March 22. 1852

Barnabas Newton
J. G. Putnam. —

93.

Worcester, ss,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in town affairs, to Met at the town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the thirtieth day of Augt. Current at 2. o' clock P.M. to act on the following artels, to wit;-

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meting,

" 2. To see if the town will annex to School Distrct No. 6. that part of the town that was taken from Sutton and annexed to Grafton by an act of the Legislature approvid March the third 1842. or act thereon, —.

" 3. To see if the town will discontinue the road leading from the Grafton and Shrewsbury road to the New road leading from Grafton Depot to Westborough, -

4. To see if the town will make a Special appropriation to be expended on the road from Solomon Carroll to the road leading from N. E. Village to the house of Wd. Hannah Scott, —

5. To see if the town will provide suitable buildings for housing their Engines, or act thereon, —

6. To hear the report of any outstanding committee,

7th. To see whether the town will adopt as a Municipal regulation for the protection of the "Rever-side Cemetery" - Its fences, trees, Monuments &c., Sect. 6th. 114 Chap. of the Supplement to the Revised Statutes; and such other By Laws, as shall prevent said Cemetery from being used as a hunting ground, and also such as shall prohibet the hitching of horses to the trees and

fences within the enclosure, —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England village, Farnumsville, and Saunders Village to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting, — . — . —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of August in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, —

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice 2d,
Benj. W. Fay
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

August 30th. 1852. I have served this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Grafton pursuant to the directions in said warrant.

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirtieth day of August, A. D. 1852, the following proceedings were had, to wit: — . — .

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose A. M. Bigelow, Moderator,

Art. 2d. The Town voted, that part of the town taken from the town of Sutton and annexed to Grafton, March 3d. 1842. be annexed to School District No. Six. — —

Art. 2d. then the town voted to Choose a Committee of three to carry this article in to effect. . —

By vote Chose Luke Leland
" " " Lewis Holbrook } Committee,
" " " Adolphus Fowler

Art. 3d. It was Moved, and voted by the town to discontinue the road Mentioned in this article, that from the Grafton and Shrewsbury road to the new road leading from Grafton Depot to Westborough.

Art. 4th. Voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Special repairs to be expended on the road from Solomon Carroll's to the road leading from N. E. Village to the house of Widow Hannah Scott, — —

Art. 5th. The town voted on Motion Made that the same Committee, that were Chosen and authorized to purchase three fire Engines for the town, Be hereby authorized the same Committee to build or cause to be built three suitable houses for the keeping of said Engines that they have purchased for the town, one one to be at Grafton Centre, one at New England Village and one at the South part of said town, —

Art. 6th voted to pass over this article for the present No reports being offered, —

Art. 7th. Moved and seconded to accept the By Laws as read Off by Rev.d Thomas C. Biscoe, which are in the following words and figures.

By Laws for the protection of the Cemeteries and Burial grounds in the Town of Grafton,

(in.)

1. Any person who shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any tomb, grave-stone or other structure placed in these Cemeteries or Burial-grounds, or any fence, building, railing, or any other thing erected for the protection or ornament, or for the enclosure of said Cemeteries & Burial grounds or any lot thereon, or shall wilfully destroy, deface or injure any tree, shrub or other ornament, placed within the limits of said Cemeteries, or Burial-grounds, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, & upon conviction there of before a justice of the peace, or any Court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence; said fine to enure to the benefit of the town; and such offender shall be liable to an action of trespass, to be brought before any Court of competent jurisdiction in the name of said town, —

2 All persons are forbidden to make use of any tree, shrub, fence or monument within any of the Cemeteries or Burial grounds of this town as a hitching place for any horse or cattle; and any person so doing shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace shall be punished by a fine, such in amount as said justice shall deem appropriate to the offence, according to the 15th. Chap. 13 Sect of the Revised Statutes, Such fine to enure to the town, —

3. All persons are forbidden to hunt or capture, or destroy by any other Means or implements, any birds or Squirrels within the limits of any Cemetery or Burial ground in this town, and any individual Offending against this By-Law shall be liable to a fine of five dollars to be recovered in the same manner and to the same use as the penalty Mentioned in the preceding Section,

95. August 30th. 1852.

Accepted

Attest. Charles Prentice Town Clerk. ~

These by laws are not approved – the first being beyond the power of the town and the other two not following the article in the warrants, ~

E. R. Hoar

J. C. C Pleas,

A true Copy

Attest.

Charles Prentice Town Clerk, ~

Voted that Otis Adams be a committee to lay this article before the Court of Common pleas for their approval. ~

And By vote the Meeting was dissolved

Attest

Charles Prentice Town Clerk. ~

To the Clerk of the town of Grafton this is to certify that all the lands of the Several Non Resident owners that are assessed in said Grafton to the several proprietors shall be considered belonging to and liable to be taxed in the several School Districts as follows to wit: ~

District No. 1. Brown William Heirs of Sutton

Benchley & Eday Millbury –

Mills Lewis. Guardian Boston,

Mayo Simeon Boston

Rice George H Millbury

Forbush Jonathan Bolton,

Green Lucy M. New York

Green Levi Worcester,

Stoddard Martin Providence R.I.

District No. 2. Chase Abraham D. Sutton.
Sutton Manufacturing Co. Sutton
McLellen John Sutton

District No. 3. Day Frances Upton.
Darling Arba G. Uxbridge
Farrington Alanson M. Upton
Holmes Betsey Upton. —
Holmes Christopher C. Hopkinton
Legg William Heo Upton
Putnam John Upton
Sadler Samuel Upton
Taft Robert G Uxbridge
Thurston George Uxbridge

District No. 4.
Axtell Thomas R
Fay John R. Westboro'
Hathaway Charles Stafford Springs
March Samuel Millbury
Nourse Benjamin Westboro'

District No. 5.
Goddard Nathan A. Framingham,
Warren Samuel D. Boston,
District No. 6. Adams Elizabeth heirs of Boston
Alexander Whitney. Blackstone.
Batchelder Adolphus Northbridge
Cooper Abner heirs of Northbridge.
Dudley Joseph Sutton.
Fisher Waterman A Worcester
Ferry Darius Jr Auburn.
Holbrook Sylvanus Northbridge
Jones David Worcester
Nolen Wm. B. Woonsocket R.I.
Rourke Patrick Jewett City Ct.
Slocomb Pliny Sutton
Smith Jemima Bellingham,

District No. 7.
Raymond Willard Westboro,
Sprague Daniel Douglas.
Thurston Wm. H. Oxford,
District No. 8.
Meriam John H. Framingham.
District No. 9.
Batchelder Joseph Worcester.
Broad Lewis Natick.
Le Forest S. C. Vernon N H.
Fairbanks Silas H. Clinton
Harrington Isaac S. Worcester
Hyde Horatio N. Newton
Hastings Jonas Millbury
Robbins Edward H. heirs of Boston.
District No. 10. Providence & Worcester R. R.
Winter David Northbridge
District No. 11. Allen Lucius F. Shrewsbury.
Boston & Worcester R. R.
Brigham Augustus Mrs. Shrewsbury.
Fairbanks Henry B. Boylston
Harrington Nathan S. Worcester.
Knowlton John C. Westboro
Merrifield Alpheus. Worcester,
Smith Samuel D. Hartford Ct.
Witherby Luke B. Shrewsbury.
Wesson Charles. Worcester.

Given under our hands this second Day of August A.D. 1852

Charles Prentice
Luke Leland
} Assessors of Grafton,

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the second day of November next at ten o' clock in the forenoon it being the first tuesday in said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. —

The votes for Electors will all be received on one Ballot, the Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon of said day, the Polls will be closed at three O'clock in the afternoon, —

And you are directed to notify the inhabitants above named to Meet on said day and at the place above named at three O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles to wit: —

Art. 1st to Choose a Moderator of said Meeting, —

Art. 2d. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money to Meet the demands against the Town or act thereon, —

Art. 3d To hear the report of outstanding Committees,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville, and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, —

Hereof fail not and due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. —

Given under our hands This twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. —

Frederick Waterman } Selectmen
Erastus Fisher }
Charles Goddard } of
Chs. Prentice 2d. }
Benj. W. Fay } Grafton,

Worcester ss.

November 2d. 1852.

I have served this warrant agreeable to a vote of the town by post up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in as directed

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of November A. D. 1852 for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and vice President of the United States, The whole number of Ballots was five hundred seventeen.

For Presidential Electors at at Large..
Robert C. Winthrop of Boston had two hundred Eight votes,
George Bliss, of Springfield " two hundred Eight votes,
Charles G. Green, of Boston " one hundred Nine Votes.
James S. Whitney of Conway " one hundred nine votes.
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem " two hundred . votes,
James Fowler of westfield " Two hundred . votes,

For an Elector for District Number one.

J. H. W. Page, of New Bedford had two hundred Eight . — Votes,
S. B. Phinney, of Barnstable, one hundred nine . Votes,
John H. Shaw of Nantucket, two hundred . . Votes,

For an Elector for District Number two. —

George A. Crocker, of Taunton, had two hundred Eight . Votes,
Edward Carman, of Hingham, one hundred nine . Votes,
William H. Wood, of Middleboro', two hundred , Votes,

For an Elector for District Number three. -

John Gardner, of Dedham had two hundred Eight Votes,
Caleb Stetson, of Braintree, one hundred nine . . Votes,
Edward L. Keyes, of Dedham, two hundred . Votes,

For an Elector for District Number four, —

Amos Lawrence of Boston, two hundred Eight . . Votes,
Isaac Adams of Boston, one hundred nine . Votes,
Timothy Gilbert of Boston, two hundred . Votes,

For an Elector for District Number five . —

Robert G. Shaw, of Boston, two hundred eight . Votes,
Benjamin F. Hallett, of Boston, one hundred nine Votes,
John G. Palfrey, of Cambridge, two hundred . —. Votes,

For an Elector for District Number six, —

Daniel C. Baker, of Lynn, two hundred Eight . Votes,
Jonathan Nayson, of Amesbury, one hundred nine . Votes,
John G. Whittier, of Amesbury, two hundred . Votes,

For an Elector, for District Number Seven. —

George Coggswell, of Bradford, two hundred eight . Votes,
Ebenr. H. Safford, of Haverhill, one hundred nine . Votes,
Samuel E. Sewall, of Stoneham, two hundred . . Votes,

For an Elector for District, Number Eight,
Jacob Coggins, of Jukesbury had two hundred eight, votes,
Walter Fessenden, of Townsend " one hundred nine, votes,
John W. Graves, of Lowell " two hundred , votes,

For an Elector for District, Number Nine
Ebenr. Torrey, of Fitchburg had two hundred eight votes,
J. S. C. Knowlton, of Worcster. " one hundred nine votes,
Charles Mason, of Fitchburg. " two hundred . votes,

For an Elector for District, Number ten, —
Wm. fus Bullock, of Boylston, " two hundred eight votes,
C. P. Ingraham, of South Hadley " one hundred nine votes,
H. B. Hubbard, of Sunderland, " two hundred . votes,

For an Elector for District Number Eleven
Ezekiel R. Cott, of Pittsfield " two hundred eight. votes,
Jon.a E. Field, of Stockbridge, " one hundred nine. votes,
Joel Hayden, of Williamsburg " two hundred . votes,

At a legal Meting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on tuesday the second day of November A. D. 1852. at 3. o' clock P. M. the following proceedings were had. to wit; —.

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose E. B. Bigelow Moderator of the Meting.
Art. 3d, Stowar moved and voted to take up the third article and hear the report of the committee appointed to purchase three fire Engines, for the town, —
Voted to accept of said Report which is in the following words and figures, —.

Grafton Nov. 2. 1852.

Report of the committee appointed at their annual Meting to purchase Three fire Engines for the town to be located at the centre, N. E. Village and South part of the town, have attended to the

duty and would report, That they have purchased three fire Engines with apparatus to them at a cost of three thousand two hundred thirty two Dollars, $3232.00 — which are to be paid for on the 14th. instant, the same Committee at a subsequent Meeting were authorized to build three Engine houses, would report that they have contracted with Calvin Clisbee to build three Engine houses at a cost of two thousand dollars exclusive of the foundation and land to set them on $2000.00

Edwd. B. Bigelow
Alfred Moore
Esek Saunders
John W. Slocomb } Committee,
Otis Adams
Joseph Pryne
A. F. Smith.

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. —

Voted to accept Luke Leland & Lewis Holbrook's Report which is in the following words and figures. — —

The undersigned a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton on the thirtieth day of August 1852. for the purpose of carrying into effect a vote passed by said Town to constitute as a part of School District No. 6. in said town that portion of territory taken from the town of Sutton and annexed to Grafton by an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed March 3. 1842. having attended to that service and have ascertained the limits and boundaries of said territory to be as follows.—

Beginning at the deviding line between the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge where said line now crosses the Blackstone River, and runing westerly on said line to a Stone Monument erected near the house of Horace Batchelor, thence on said town line Southwesterly to a Stone Monument erected which being a corner of the towns of Sutton —

Grafton and Northbridge, thence Northerly on the line between Sutton and Grafton to a Stone monument erected near the farm house of Erastus Fisher, thence Easterly on the Old Sutton line to the Blackstone River near The Fisher Factory so called, thence Southerly by said River to the place of beginning. which aforesaid Territory is hereby ~~is hereby~~ reported to the town and when by them accepted and recorded is to be considered a part of and belonging to School District No. Six, —

All which is respectfully Submitted, —

Luke Leland
Lewis Holbrook } Committee.

A true Copy. accepted November 2d. 1852.

Attest

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed by the to repair the road North from Solomon Carrolls which is in the following words and figures, — .

The Committee Chosen to Make Special repairs upon the road North of Solomon Carrolls house report that they have caused the appropri= ation to be expended in repairing said road,

Grafton Nov 2d. 1852.

Jos. B. Adams
Lewis Holbrook
Rodney Leland.

A true Copy, accepted November 2. 1852.

Attest.

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Voted to take up the Second article and act thereon, —

Art. 2d. The town voted to authorize their ~~Their~~ Treasurer to borrow the Sum of thirty two hundred and thirty two Dollars. to meet the payment of the three five Engines which becomes due on the 14th. of this month. —

Also to borrow a further Sum of two thousand Dollars to pay for building the three Engine houses exclusive of the foundation and land to set them on, which is to be paid on the first of April next, —

And by vote this Meting was dissolved,

Attest,

Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the eighth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing;

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. nine to serve for two years from the fourth of March next: —

And also, to Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be Holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. —

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, will all be received on one Ballot, and for Representatives on seperate ballots; —

Also to bring in their votes by Ballot yea or Nay, on the following Question, "Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, —

The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Offiers and Objects at ten O'clock in the forenoon on said day and closed 3. O'clock P.M. — The votes for the above Offiers and Objects will all be received in one Sealed Envelope, —

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants above named to meet at the place above named at three O'clock P. M. on said day to act on the follow Articles, —

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meting, —

2d. To see if the town will accept a lay out by the Selectmen of a town road, beginning on the road leading from the house of Widow Hannah Scott to Widow Lucy Willard and terminating near the house of Sally Wheelock. —

3d. To see if the town will accept of a layout by the Selectmen of a town road, beginning near the barn of Joseph B. Adams and terminating near the house of John M. Newton,

4th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty Dollars for Special repairs on the road leading from Darius Whites to near the house of Rodney Leland or act thereon. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting-houses in the Centre of said town, and at the Meting-houses in New England village, Farnumsville, and Saunders village,

ten days at least before the time of holding said meting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meting as aforesaid. ~

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord. one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. ~

Fredrick Waterman,
Erastus Fisher, ~
Charles Goddard ~
Chs. Prentice 2d. ~
Benjamin W. Fay. ~
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester ss.

November 8th. 1852. I have served this Warrant agreable to a vote of the town by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting houses in said town as directed. ~

Charles Prentice. Constable of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest Charles Prentice. Town Clerk. ~

At a legal meting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. held at the Town-hall in said Grafton. on the eighth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, A. D. 1852. for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester all on one Ballot. ~

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to Congress of the United States from District Number nine to serve for two years from the fourth of March next,

Also To bring in their votes by Ballot Yea or Nay. "Is it Expedient that Deligates Should be Chosen to met in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth. ~

Also to Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court, to be holden at Boston, on the first wednesday of January next.

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will all be received on one ballot, and for Representatives on Seperate ballots.

The Polls will be Opened to receive the votes for the above Officers and Object at ten O'clock in the forenoon on said day, and Closed at 3 O'clock P.M.

~~And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants above named to meet at the place above named at three O'Clock P.M. on said day to act on the following Articles,~~

~~1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,~~

~~2d. To see if the town will accept a layout by the Selectmen of a town road beginning on the road leading from the house of widow Hannah Scott, to widow Lucy Willard and terminating near the house of Sally Woodcock,~~

~~3d. To see if the town will accept of a layout by the Selectmen of a town road beginning near the Barn of Joseph B. Adams and terminating near the house of John M. Newton,~~

~~4th To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for special repairs, on the road leading from Darius Whites to Rodney Leland or act thereon,~~

~~And you are directed to serve this warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in Central of said town, and at the Meeting-houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.~~

~~Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place (exc)~~

Meeting as aforesaid, —

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, — . —

by Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Charles Goddard
Chs. Prentice 2
Benj. W. Gay.
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss. November 8th. 1852 . —

I have served this warrant, agreeable to a vote of the town by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town according

Charles Prentice Constable, of Grafton

A true Copy Attest

Charles Prentice Town Clerk, —

The whole Number of Ballots given for Governor was five hundred nine . — . — . — . 509.

John H. Clifford, of New Bedford, had two hundred three votes,

Horace Mann, of Newton, had two hundred fourteen. votes,

Henry W. Bishop, of Lenox had Ninety . . votes
Charles Hazlewell had. two . votes
whole number of Ballots for Lieut. Governor was 512.

Elisha Huntington, of Sowell, one hundred Ninety four. votes

Amasa Walker, of North Brookfield, two hundred Eleven . votes

James D. Thompson, of New Bedford, one hundred seven votes

Whole Number of Ballots given in for Senators was 537.

Charles Thurber. of Worcester had. two hundred twelve votes,
George Davis. of Sturbridge " one hundred Ninety Seven votes,
Joseph White. of Winchendon " one hundred Ninety seven. votes,
Enoch Perkins. of Harvard " two hundred ten. votes,
Frances Dean. of Uxbridge " one hundred ninety five votes,
Frances Dean Jr. of Uxbridge " Seventeen. votes.

John S. C. Knowlton, of Worcester. three hundred twenty votes,
Joers Phillips. of Fitchburg, " Three hundred fifteen votes,
Freeman Walker. of North Brookfield " Three hundred votes,
Sullivan Hay. of Southboro' " three hundreds votes,
Elisha Murdock. of Winchendon " three hundred votes,
Adam Harrington of Shrewsbury " two votes.
Francis Howes of Brookfield " one vote.
Wm Bennett Jr. of Hubbardston " one vote,
Benjamin D. Hyde " one vote,

For a Representative to the 33. Congress of the United States. from Distrect No. nine. to serve for two years from the fourth. of March next,
Ira M. Barton of Worcester " one hundred ninety four. Votes,
Alexander De Witt of Oxford " two hundred ten. votes,
Isaac Davis. of Worcester " Ninety five. votes,

"Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to Meet in Convention for the purpose of altering or revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth.

Yes. three hundred seven votes.
No. one hundred ninety six votes,

For a Representative in the General Court at Boston.
C. M. Pratt. had. 196 vote.
Charles Goddard had 261 votes and is Chosen,
Samuel B. Dolliver had 30. votes.
Scattering 5 votes.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the 8th. day of November A. D. 1852. the following proceedings were had, to wit: — . . — . .

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Otis Adams Moderator of this Meeting, —

Art. 2d. Voted to accept of the Selectmens report in the layout of the road Mentioned in this article. which is in the following words and figures. —

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows. —

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the southerly side of an old wall supposed to be on the North line of the old town road, leading from the house of widow Hannah Scott to widow Lucy Willard's thence N. 12½°. W. over land of said Wd. Scott 31⅓ rods to Stake & Stones by the East side of a large Chesnut tree, thence N. 20¾°. W. 19 rods & 2 links to Stake & Stones, over said widow Scotts land, these lines being the westerly lines of the road, said road is to be two rods wide, —

And we have agreed with the owner of the land over which said road passes, for damages she claims nothing, and we do not allow her anything for fencing we agree to allow her fifty Dollars, which sum she claims, to be paid by the town of Grafton before said road is opened, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a Public town way, —

Dated at Grafton this 4th. day of November in the year. 1852.

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher, —
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice 2d,
Benj. W. Gay —
} Select men of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Art. 3d. Voted to accept of the Selectmens report in the layout of the road mentioned in this article, which is in the following words and figures, viz —

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows, viz — , viz —

Commencing at a point. S. 33°. W. five and three fourths rods from a white oak tree in John M. Newton's Door Yard, thence over land of Joseph B. Adams N. 61°. 15' W. Seven rods, thence N. 69°. 45' W. Nine rods, thence over the old town road N. 86°. W. twelve rods, thence over land of said Adams N. 86°. W. ten rods, thence S. 74°. 45' W. twenty nine rods to said old town road at corner of shed near said Adams's Barn, — said road is to be two rods wide and to lie on the southerly side of said Course, viz — . viz —

And we have agreed with the owner of the land over which said way passes for damages as follows, the said J. B. Adams claims no damage for land and for fencing said road, and we allow him none

Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a Public town way,

Dated at Grafton this 4th. day of November in the Year 1852. —

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher —.
Charles Goddard ,
Charles Prentice 2d.
Benj. W. Hay. —

} Selectmen of Grafton,

A true copy
Attest, Charles Prentice. Town Clerk, —

Art. 4th. voted to Appropriate the Sum of fifty dollars for for Special repairs on the road leading from Darius White's to Rodney Leland —
voted to choose a Committee of three to carry this article into effect, —.
By vote Chose Joseph B. Adams
" " " Erastus Fisher, } Committee,
" " " John M. Newton,
And by vote the Meting was dissolved
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to Meet at the town-hall in said Grafton, on Monday the thirteenth day of December current at one o'clock in the after noon, being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No. Nine to serve for two years from the fourth of March next; —
The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officer at one o'clock P.M. on said day. and closed at three o'clock P.M, —
And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants above named to Meet at the place above named at three o'clock P.M. on said day to act on the following articles,
Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meting, —
" 2d. to see if the town will accept of a layout by the Selectmen of a town road, beginning at the county road leading from N. E. Village to Westboro near the house of Elijah Harrington and terminating near the barn of said Harrington,

Art 3d To see what compensation the town will make to Leonard S. Wheelock for damage done to his Horse and Chaise on the road near Jason Morse on the first day of November last, or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meting=houses in the centre of said town, and at the Meting=houses in New England village Farnum's Ville, and Saunders Village, ten days at least before the time of holding said Meting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Second day of December in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and fifty two, —

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher,
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice 2d
Benj. W. Fay.
} Select men of Grafton,

Worcester ss.

December 13th. 1852

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested thereof agreeable to a vote of the town at each of the Public Meting=houses in said town as directed, —

Charles Prentice, Constable of Grafton,

A true Copy
Attest,

Charles Prentice, Town Clerk,

At a legal meting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton held at the Town-hall in said town on Monday the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1852. being the second Monday of said Month, to bring in their votes for a Representative to the 33d Congress of the united States for District No. 10. to serve two years from the fourth day of March next:—

The whole Number of Ballots given in was Two hundred Eighty six.—

Alexander H. Witt had, one hundred twenty five votes
Ira M. Barton had Sixty votes.—
Isaac Davis had one hundred, one votes.—
And by vote the Meting was dissolved,
Attest,
Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

At a legal meting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified vote in town affairs held at the Town-hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1852.. the following proceedings were had to wit:—

Art. 1st. By Ballot Chose Otis Adams Moderator of the Meting
" 2d the town voted to accept of the Layout of the road named in this article on the following conditions that the said Elijah Harrington give Bond to the town to Make the Road and Culvert and fence the road to the acceptance of the Selectmen and to the Satisfaction of the said Knowltons, for the sum of fifty Dollars which is to be paid by the town of Grafton when said road is completed to their acceptance.—
Art. 3d. The town voted to authorize their Selectmen to settle with Leonard S. Whitlock as they shall think proper and best to do.— And by vote the Meting was Dissolved.— A true copy
Attest. Charles Prentice. Town Clerk,

Art. 2d. Voted to accept the the Selectmen's layout of a town road petitioned for by Elijah Harrington which is in the following words & figures. — .

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows, Beginning at a point on the County road leading from N. E. Village to Westboro. — Two rods 14 links westerly from centre of Culvert under said road near the house of Elijah Harrington, thence over land of Chandler Knowlton. South 14. W. Three rods 5 links to said Harringtons North line said road is to be two rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said Course. —

And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which said road passes for damage. the said Knowlton claims nothing. said road to be fenced by the town. Also a Culvert to be built under said road for cattle to pass to and from water, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. —

Dated at Grafton this thirteenth Day of December in the year 1852. —

Frederick Waltmann
Erastus Fisher
Charles Goddard
Chas. Prentice 2d.
Benj. W. Fay. —

} Selectmen of Grafton,

For the conditions this report was accepted by the Town See the record on the other side of this leaf

We the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton by reason of the Death of the Clerk of said Town do Appoint John B White as Clerk Pro Tempore to serve untill One is Chosen by said Town

Given under our hands this the 22nd Day of Feby AD 1853

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Charles Goddard
Chas. Prentice 2nd
Benja. W Fay

Above is a true Copy of thy Appointment
John B White Clerk Pro Tempore
Who was Sworn by Wm. F Slocum Esqr. Justice of the Peace
Attest A B White. Clerk. Pro. Tempore

Worcester S.S

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the seventh day of March next at 9 OClock A.M. to act on the following Articles
To Wit
Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd " To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
3th " To Choose all nessessary Town Officers for the year Ensueing
4th " To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Delegate to meet in Convention to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday in May in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth

Art 5th " To hear the report of the Selectmen and Act thereon
6th " To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor and Act thereon
7th " To hear the report of the General School Committee & Act thereon
8th " To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year
9th " To raise such Sums of Money as may be nessessary to defray Town Charges the year Ensuing and make Appropriations of the Same or act thereon
10th " To See what Discount the Town will make to those Persons who Shall Voluntary pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct and determine when all Taxes shall be Collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the Compensation of the Collector or act thereon
11th " To See what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for Burying the Dead or Act Thereon
12th " To hear the report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and Act thereon
13th " To hear the report of the Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery and Act thereon
14th " To See if the Town will authorise the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon
15th " To See if the Town will authorise the Selectmen or a Committee Chosen for the purpose to remove an old decayed Wooden Stake now Standing as a Bound at the South west Corner of Grafton Common and put in its place a Stone Monument
16th " To See if the Town will take Measures to Erect a new Town House and appropriate Money for the Same or act thereon as Petitioned for by Chas. Brigham & others
17th " To See if the Town will Build three Reservoirs or Wells at Suitable and Convenient places in the Centre Village for the use of the Inhabitants of Said Town and Appropriate Money for the Same or act thereon as Petitioned for by Otis Adams and others
18th " To See what Compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for their Services the Current Year

Art 19th To hear the report of any out Standing Committee
and Act thereon
20th To see if the Town will cause one of the Church
Bells to be rung at 12 O.Clock. M. and 9 O.Clock. P. M.
or act thereon
21st To accept Town Depts
And you are directed to serve this warrent by posting
up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public
Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the
Meeting House in New England Village Farnumsville
and Saunders Village to stand over Two Sundays at least
before the time of holding said Meeting
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time
and place of Meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this Twenty second day of February
in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred
and fifty three

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Charles Goddard
Charles Prentice
Benja W Fay
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester . S.S
March 7th 1853
I have served this warrent by posting
up an attested copy thereof at Each of Public Meeting
Houses in the Town of Grafton pursuant to the directions
of said warrent
Attest S. G. Congdon } Constable of Grafton

A True Copy Attest John B White, Town. Clerk

At the annual March Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday March 7th A D 1853 The following proceedings were had To wit

Art 1st by vote Chose Otis Adams Moderator

2nd Anthony Chase had One hundred and Sixty six votes for County Treasurer

Voted to have Five Selectmen this year and by Ballott Chose

Chas Prentice
B W Fay
S R White
A. Slocomb
H D P Bigelow

} Selectmen of Grafton all of whom were sworn by Otis Adams Moderator

Attest John B White. Town Clerk

By Ballott Chose John B White. Town. Clerk Who was sworn by Otis Adams Esq March 7th 1853

Attest John B White Town. Clerk

Article 4th Votes for a Delegate Edward B Bigelow had One hundred and Eighty four

Oliver M Brigham had Ninety three and there were Five Scattering Votes

And Edward B Bigelow is Chosen

Motioned to take up the 10th Article which is in regard to Taxes and Voted to make the same discount and the same management in Collection as in the year 1852

Voted to put up the Taxes for Collection and Treasurer at Auction and was Sold to H D P Bigelow Esqu. to pay Two and one Eight per cent to the Town and the said Bigelow was by Ballot Chosen Treasurer and Collector

Voted to have Three Assessors this year and by Ballot Chose

Charles Brigham Sworn May 7
Lewis Holbrook Sworn May 7
John B White Sworn May 7

Voted to have Three Overseers of the Poor this year
By Ballot Chose

Lewis Holbrook
Charles Goddard
Chandler M Pratt
} Overseers of the Poor

Voted to have Three General School Committee this year
By Ballot Chose

Wm F Slocum
J A Buffum
S Brimblecom
} General School Committee

By Ballot Chose Edward B Bigelow Trustee of the River Side Cemetery in Place of Revd E B Willson
According to the Rules or by laws of the River side Cemetery
Revd J C Biscoe Time Expires as a Trustee at this time and by Ballot he was again Chosen as Trustee

Voted to take up the 5th Article which is to hear the Report of the Selectmen and Act thereon
And is as follows
To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton
The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the completion of their Official duties for the year Ending March 7th 1853 would Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town as follows
They have settled with Son Warren Treasurer of said Town and find his Account Correct and is as follows

Dr

To Amount in the hands of Treasurer and Collector		$2.9.89.57
To Cash of the Selectmen for the Support of Laura Stratton		43 26
To " " " "	Polly Dunsmon	115.75
To Cash from State School fund		190.90
To Cash for Support of State Paupers		39 04
To Cash for Support of Wm A Pingree		61 42
To interest on C Singletery Note		60 00
Borrowed of State Treasurer		4000.00
To Amount of County and Town Taxes		846989
To Cash Received of the Selectmen		500.00

Amt Total $16469.83

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By paying County Taxes for 1851 & 1852	$2520 76
" " interest on Town Notes	738 24
" " Assessors Order for Abateing Taxes	465.76
" " State Lunatic Hospital for support of R A Johnson	118 13
" " " " " " Polly Dunsmon	106 74
" " " " " Susan L Murdock	18.18
by paying Howard & Davis Bill for Fire Engines	32.31.50
" Support of Common Schools	2134 98
" Overseers of the Poor	386 00
" G S Balls for Damages by breaking through Bridge	30 00
" Town Clerk for recording Births & Deaths	4353
" for Printing Selectmens reports	650
" " " School Committee reports	19.70
" " Breaking Out Roads in 1852	119.99
" Daniel Murdock for Boarding S L Murdock	5142
" For Ringing Bells at 12 Oclock M & 9 Oclock P.M.	25.00
" John B White for Damages to Horse by breaking through Bridge	5 00
" Wm F Slocum Esqr for Services	3470
" For Books and Stationary for Assessors	2405
" Bridge Committee	165.00
" General School Committee for Services	9043
" Samuel Hall as Sexton	2625
" Chas B Jenks Do	28.00
" Hannah Scott for Damage by altering Road	700
" For Special Repairs on Roads	300.00
" Collector for discount & Collections Taxes (1851)	36362
" Collector for discount on Taxes for 1852	30669
" General School Committee for collecting the number of Children between the ages of 5 & 15	20.00
" General School Committee for High School	225.00
" L S Murdock for Damage to Horse & Chaise	30.00
" Engine Committee in part towards Engine Houses	700.00
" Trustees of the River Side Cemetery	24237
" Rescue Engine Co No 1	1634
" Empire Engine Company No 2	397
" Levi Rawson M.D. for vacinating and Services rendered by order of Board of Health	60.00

By paying Drs Pierce & Griggs for vacinating	460 Persons	100.00
" Dr. Wm. Thornton " "	1444 Persons	36.00
" Assessors of Taxes		109.83
" Sundrie other orders		27.65
" the Selectmens Note		500.00
		$1348.33

Whole Amount of Receipts $1646.83
" " " Expenditures 1348.33
Balance in favour of the Town $298.50
Consisting of Money in the Treasury $298.50

Resources of the Town

Amount in the hands of the Treasurer & Collector	$ 298.50
Emory Singletary's Note	1000.00
A Farm and Buildings thereon	4800.00
Stock Hay & Grain Farming Utensils Household Furniture as valued by Overseers	156.87
Wood Lot of 24 Acres	800.00
	$11156.37

Liabilities of the Town

On Town Note to	Abigail Russell of Sutton	$ 1000.00
" " "	To R F Chase "	1200.00
" " "	To Worcester County Institution for Savings	2000.00
" " "	To State Treasury	5000.00
" " "	To Elizabeth Cheney of Holden	300.00
" " "	To State Treasury	4000.00
		$ 13500.00

Whole Amount of Liabilities $13500.00
" " Assetts 11156.37
Balance of Liabilities of Assetts $ 2343.63

All of which is respectfully submitted
Grafton March 5th 1853

and the Town voted to accept this Report a True Copy attest
D B White T Clerk

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Chas. Goddard
Chas. Prentice
Benjn W Fay

Selectmen of Grafton

The Report of the Selectmen on Guide Posts

The undersigned Selectmen of Grafton ask leave to present their report of all the Places at which Guide Posts are erected and maintained within said Town of Grafton as follows

At the corner of the roads near the House of C W Forbush
at the corner near the House of Jon.a D Wheelers
at the corner near the House of S H Allen at the corner near the House of Wm. Wallace at the corner of the Sutton & Northbridge roads a little south of the last named place at the corner near the House of Joseph Bruce at the corner near the House of Wm. A Fiske at the corner between the named place and George Dunns at the corner a little North of the House of H D Howards at the corner near the Indian Burying Ground at the corner near the Meeting House in Farnumville at the corner near the Store of Wright & Moore at the corner near the House of D J Smith at the corner near the House of Nelson Perry at the corner near the House of Austin Holbrook at the corner near the School in Saunders Village at the corner near the
at the corner near the House of Otis Converse at the corner near the House of L S Pratt at Each of the corners between the Burying Ground and House of Saml. Despau at the Corner of the Providence & Westboro roads next to the last named place at the corner near the Alms House
at the corner near the Meting House in New England Village at Each of the corners near the House of J W Putnam at Each of the corners northerly of the House of James Houghton at the corner near the House of Chas. J Fay at the corner near the House of Nathan S Wheelock at the corner near the House of S E Goulding at the corner near the House of H J Pratt at the corner near the House of Jos Kimball at the corner near the House of S Carroll at the corner near the House of Jefferson Bellows at the corner near the House of Jonathan Tobey all of which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 7/53
Voted to Accept this Report attest S B White Town Clerk

Frederick Waterman
Erastus Fisher
Chas. Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor present the following Report to the Town

Expense of Supporting Paupers on the Farm past year

Interest on Farm	$288.00
Expense incurred in carrying on the Farm Boarding Clothing Nursing the Inmates	378 51
Medical attendance and Medicine	17 60
Agents Salary	275.00
Balance of inventory less than last year	150.38
	$1109.49

Amount of Products sold off Farm	$ 639.84	
Improvements by setting Appletrees	30 00	
Amount due for Support of State Paupers	49.08	
Whole Amount	$718.92	
Leaveing a balance for Support of Paupers on the Farm		$390.57
Whole number supported or assisted on the Farm Past year is		23
Number of Weeks Board		310
Average Cost per week One Dollar & Twenty Six cents		1.26

Cost of Supporting Paupers off Farm past year

For Support of	Sally Phillips	$21.27
" "	Deborah Warren	36 00
" "	Lucius Stone	26 00
" "	Mowry L Britton Family	5 00
" To assist Poor Travellers		135
Whole Expense of Supporting Paupers off Farm		$89 72
Past year deducting Five Dollars due from the Town of Shrewsbury for the Support of Mowry L Britton's Family		(leaves) $84.72
Whole Expense of Supporting the Poor the past year		$475.29

Less than last year One Hundred & Sixty Eight Dollars & Eighty nine cts

Paid for Support of George H Newton in the House of Conection in Worcester Twenty Dollars & Eighty four cents

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 3rd 1853

Voted to Accept this Report & have 1000 Copies Printed attest A B White 76

Oliver M Brigham
Lewis Holbrook
Chas " Goddard

Overseers of the Poor of Grafton

Voted to take up the 16th Article which is in regard to a new Town House and it was discussed at some length by a number of Speakers and then voted to pass over the Article

Voted to take up the 13th Article which is in regard to the River Side Cemetary & the report is as follows

The Trustees of the River Side Cemetary respectfully Submit to the Town the following Report

In undertakeing an enterprise like this, which you have committed to us it will be manifest to every impartial observer that the labour necessary to be performed and the results that will be palpable would be much greater in the first one or two years than would be likely to be the case in any one or two succeeding years Hence the improvements that have been made by the Trustees, or by individuals during the past year do not produce as marked a change in the aspect of the grounds as those of previous years yet if only the same measure of improvement, as that which has been made the past year shall be continued for a series of years the results will be a most tasteful rural burying place for ourselves and the cherished objects of our affections when God shall see fit to remove us and them from among the living Every year it is becomeing more sacred and dear to us not only from its own simple charms not only from its outward adornments by the hands of art but from the many treasures of our hearts affection which are being deposited within its precincts

The Trustees in conformity with the vote of the Town authorising and directing them so to do have caused the fence on the sides of the Cemetery to be well covered with two coats of paint of a colour according to their judgement in keeping with the place and its associations the cost of the materials has been $155.85 and the labor $94.32 making the whole sum expended $250 17-

And the Trustees have on hand paint already mixed sufficient for covering with the second coat some 15 or 20 rods of the remaining or East side The whole number of rods painted is 131 the expense of which including material

now on hand was only $191 per rod It is the intention of the Trustees to finish the remainder with the opening of the Spring The Trustees have undertaken during the past year to clear out one of the ponds by removing the feculent matter from the bottom of it to the depth of fou They commenced the work in the driest of the season last Summer and pursued it from time to time as they could procure help until a long and heavy rain Storm so filled up the pond and Saturated the adjoining ground as constrained them to abandon it for the season It is their purpose to resume the work another Summer as soon as circumstances will permit And when the excavation is completed they design to cover over the bottom with a suitable coating of gravel to lay around its margin a border of turf and surround it with weeping Willows The underbrush over all parts of the grounds has been mowed Measures have been taken toward the erection of hitching posts and rails in appropriate places and the construction of rustic Seats in different parts of the ground for the accommodation of Visitors Twenty lots have been disposed of the past year Seven have been inclosed with beautiful and substantial iron fences And from fifteen to twenty more have been Cleared graded and turfed some four or five appropriate Monuments have been erected of White marble which attract and gratify the eye & convey in part the Story of love and grief Affection has hen and there marked the last resting place of the dear departed by flowering Shrubs and other mementoes with which the love that survives the grave is often times expressed

Quite a number of lots have been purchased Some of them as long since as the first sales that were made at two and half cents per foot but the purchasers have hitherto neglected or delayed taking their deeds though often Spoken to on the subject And the reasons for their delay the Trustees can neither regard as good or justifiable with the exception of those of one or two individuals

Within that Consecrated enclosure We can now Fellow Citizens if We have not already done it select the Spot where our

mortal remains shall sleep their long sleep where they may be visited and wept over by those who shall hold us in fond remembrance when we are gone or where if we are soon forgotten we can lie without disturbance We can there plant the trees which as years roll on shall Shade V our graves through whose boughs the sun shall shed his life giving rays upon the violet the laurel the lily or the rose which the hand of grief stricken Affection shall have placed there as a memento of love

There too you may erect such monuments as your taste and ability may dictate to give your testimony in behalf of those who sleep in silence beneath them And when their names and ours are forgotten by the busy bustling world which shall a century or two hence dwell on these hill sides and in these vales who knows but that some "Old Mortality" may visit these then moss grown memorials of your affection and with mallet and chisel renew to the eyes of posterity the time defaced Testimonials of your love

What has been done is well. but a more general participation and cooperation by our community will Enable us to perfect it yet more and more We know that with some to say any thing on this subject much more to do any thing in the way of fitting up the outwards fixtures of that dark and narrow house appointed for all the living calls up disagreeable associations But it need not be so it ought not to be so

> Why should the grave be terrible
> Why should it be a word of fear
> Jarring upon the mortal ear
> Does the gay flower scorn the grave? the dew
> Forget to kiss the turf? the rain
> Refuse to bathe it? or the beam
> of moonlight shun the narrow bed
> When the tired pilgrim rests his head?"

Let us but keep the great purpose of life before us and act under its influence and we can both contemplate and appropriately prepare without unpleasant reflections the

Spot where the broken house of our soul shall lie

We need fellow citizens your cooperations & make Riverside what it should be If with the brief experience of the past we have accomplished so much What reasonable expectations for the future may not safely be indulged within that consecrated enclosure and beneath (in its season the green waving foliage of that varied forest growth amid those tranquil shades where Nature weeps in all her dews and sighs in every breeze and Chant a requiem by Each warbling bird . let us each prepare our resting place

The Receipts and Expenditures are as follows

Expenditures

Paid for mowing brush in the Cemetery	$ 18.53
Paid C A Hamilton for Printing 1000 Reports of the Trustees of the Cemetery for the year 1851 & 2	12.00
Paid for Excavating Ponds	58 67
	$ 89 20

Receipts

Received of Philip Wing former Treasurer	$ 36.17
" for Lots sold	175 24
" " Wood Sold	41 17
" " Mud "	6 30
" Jonathan Brooks Note due april 1st	11.50
	$ 270 38
Lots engaged but deeds not delivered worth	100.00
	370.38
Deduct Note at Savings Bank and Int	267.00
& Expenditures	89 20=356 20
	$ 14.18

All of which is respectfully submitted

Thomas C Bisco Secretary

of the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery

Grafton March 7th 1853

Voted to accept this Report and have One Thousand Copies Printed Voted to have the Selectmen get 1000 Copies of their Report Printed Also the Overseers of the Poor get 1000 Copies Printed

Motioned & take up the 8th Article which is in regard to Highways & Town Ways
Voted to Manage in the same manner as last year and is as follows
That the Highways & Townways and Sluices Eight feet acrop and under be repaired by a labour Tax and to allow Men 12½ cents per Hour and Oxen the same and for use of Tools such as Carts & Ploughs &c it is left discretionary with the Surveyors

Motioned & take up the 9th Article which is to see what Sums of Money the Town will rain &c
Voted to rain the Sum of Ten thousand Dollars Money Tax
Voted to appropriate the Sum of three thousand Dollars for Schooling beside what comes from school fund &c

Voted to appropriate the Sum of Two thousand Dollars for Highways & Townways & Sluices of 8 feet & under

Voted to Choose Thirteen Highway Surveyors and Collector of Highway Taxes
And by vote Chose

H D & Bigelow	Sworn March 10th 1853
Silas Forbush	
David Jourdan	Sworn Apr 20th
H K Potter	Sworn March 12th
Jos B Adams	Sworn March 12th
Jos Meriam	
E R Thompson	
Eleck Saunders	Sworn
Jos H Whitney	
Luther Wright	Sworn May 9th
Lewis Holbrook	
Chas E Wood	Sworn
Elijah B Brooks	Sworn March 12th

Voted to have Six Field Drivers this year
and by Vote Chose

George Enslow	Sworn June 11th 53
Augustus Salsbury	Sworn Ap 20th
Daniel Byron	
Hollis Chamberlin	Sworn Ap 16th 1853
Nath.l Smith	
John B Leland	Sworn March 12th

Voted to have the Selectmen appoint Ten Measurers
of Wood and the following Men have so been
Appointed

W S Lewis	Sworn May 2nd
Rufus E Warren	
D H Wood	Sworn Nov 14 1853
G F Slocomb	
J A Buffum	
Erastus Fisher	Sworn March 12th
Gilbert C Taft	
Chas. B Jenks	Sworn Ap 4th
L H Bigelow	Sworn March 12th
Edwin Leland	

Also Voted to have the Selectmen Appoint Three Meas-
urers of Lumber and they have appointed the
following

Noah Fletcher	
Calvin Cisbee	
J A Buffum	

Also Voted to them appoint a Pound Keeper
and they have appointed
Joel W Fay as Pound Keeper
Who came and was Sworn June 14th 1853

By Vote Chose Joseph W Leland Sealer of weights
and Measures this year
Sworn before me March 12th 53 A B White J Clerk
By Vote Chose as Sealers of Leather this year
John W Slocomb
John Whitney

Voted to have the Selectmen be the Auditing Committee this year

Voted to have Three Fence Viewers and by Vote Chose

Soloman Carroll
Jos B Adams } Sworn March 12th
Chas. C Wood

Voted to dispense with the Tytheingmen this year

Voted to have Five Constables this year and by Ballot Chose

Saml. G Congdon } Sworn befor Wm. F. Slocum Esq. Justice
John B White } Sworn befor Wm. F. Slocum Esq. J Peace
John L. Adams } Sworn March 25th
David Chase } Sworn March 12th
George W Crombe Jr. }

Voted to allow the Sextons the same fees for services as last year which is as follows

For digging and Filling the Grave Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death & Tolling at the Funerals and Attending with his Horse and the Towns Hearse One Dollar and Seventy five cents Also the Friends of the deceased pay him the Sum of One Dollar More

Motioned to take up the 14th Article and Voted to have the Prudential Committee Hire their Teachers in their respective Districts

Motioned to take up the 15th Article

Voted to have the Selectmen put a Monument at the South west Corner of Grafton Common as prayed for in said Article

Voted to take up the 17th Article which is in regard to Wells or reservoirs it was debated upon at some lenght & then Voted to pass over the Article

Motioned & take up the 18th Article which is to see what the Town will pay Engine Men for their Services the current year And Voted to pay them Five Dollars apiece to all of the Members who do their duties in each of the three Companies in Town

Article 20th Voted that the Selectmen Cause one of the Church Bells to be Rung at 12 Oclock. M. & at 9 Oclock P. M. for this Current year

Art 21st Voted to Accept of the Following Dept against the Town

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at One Oclock P. M in this Place

Worcester. S.S

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of April next at One Oclock P. M.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners on One Ballot Also for two Special Commissioners on One Ballot for the County of Worcester All being Inhabitants of different towns in said County

And you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Grafton Qualified to vote in town affairs to Meet on said day and at the same place at Two Oclock P. M. to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

Article 2nd To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to Cansel the Town Dept by issueing town notes or Bonds in sums of One hundred dollars Each with interest anually Payable One Thousand dollars annually untill the Dept of the town be extinguished or act thereon

Art 3th To see if the town will continue a School for the study of the higher branches in connection with their primary Schools as they did the last year and Appropriate money for the same or act thereon

Art 4 To see what the Town will do with their old Weights and Measures or act Thereon

Art 5th To see if the Town will accept and approve an act of the Legislature to establish a fire department in the Town of Grafton or act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this twenty third day of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three

Benja W Fay
Chas Prentice
S R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester. S.S.

Grafton April 4th 1853

I hereby certify that I have served this warrent by posting up an attested Copy at Each of the Meeting Houses as directed by said Warrent

Attest S B White Constable } a True Copy S B White Town Clerk

April 4th 1853 The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from March 7th They voted to adjourn this meting until 3 O Clock P.M. in consquence of the meting being called for the inhabitants to bring in their votes for 3 County & 2 Special Commissioners

They then proceeded & bring in their votes for 3 County Commissioners on One Ballot and for 2 Special Commission-ers on One Ballot

Whole Number of Ballots for County Commissioners given in was Two hundred and One 201

Otis Adams of Grafton had One hundred and Seven	107
Bonum Nye of North Brookfield had One hundred & Nine	109
Asaph Wood of Gardner had One hundred and Nine	109
David Davenport of Mendon had Ninety two	92
Amory Holman of Bolton had Ninty two	92
Alanson Hamilton of West Brookfield had Ninty two	92

Whole Number Ballots for Special Commissioners given in Was Two hundred and two 202

Edward Hemenway of Worcester had One hundred & Ten	110
Thomas Billings of Lunenburg had One hundred & Ten	110
Charles Brigham of Grafton had Eighty Eight	88
Seth Tucker 2d of Winchendon had Ninety two	92

And at 2 O Clock P.M. same day April 4th Article 1st By vote Chose Otis Adams Moderator

Article 2nd voted to pass over this article after a long debate

Art 3d voted to continue a school for the higher branches in connection with their primary schools

And voted to appropriate the Sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars and to apportion it in the same Manner as last year

Art 4th voted that the Selectmen sell their Old Weights and Measures

Art 5th Voted to Accept and approve the Act of the Legislature to Establish a Fire department in the Town of Grafton

which is in the following Words

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three

An Act To Establish a fire department in the Town of Grafton

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the Same as follows

Section 1 A fire department is hereby established in the Town of Grafton Subject to all the duties and liabilities and with all the powers and privileges set forth and Contained in an act entitled an act to regulate fire departments passed on the ninth day of April One thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine

Section 2nd This act shall take effect from and after its passage

House of Representatives March 26th 1853
Passed to be enacted, George. Bliss. Speaker

In Senate March 29th 1853
Passed to be enacted C. H. Warren. President

March 29th 1853

Approved
John H Clifford

A True Copy

At 3 O Clock P M in pursuance to adjournment untill that time from the annual March Meeting the following further proceedings were had

A Motion was made to take up the Ninth article But it was voted to pass over it

Then voted to reconsidder the vote whereby they voted to appropriate two thousand dollars at the Annual March Meeting for the repairs of Highways Town ways and Sluices Eight feet across and under And then voted to Appropriate But Fifteen hundred dollars for repairs to be in labour Tax

Voted to raise Two Thousand dollars as money Tax in addition to what was raised at the last annual Meeting

Voted that what money is in the Treasurers hand that is not wanted for the Current expenses that the Selectmen use it to liquidate the Town Debts

Voted to accept the General School Committees Report which is on file also voted not to print the report

Voted to take up the third article in the warrent Motioned to Choose 3 Constables in addition to the Number they have Chosen Voted not to Choose three They then Motioned to Choose Two but voted not to do so Then Motioned to Coose One and by Vote Chose Leonard S Murdock
Motioned to Choose One more and by Vote Chose George F Slocomb who came before me and took the Oath of the Office as the law require attest J B White J Clerk
Motioned to Choose Two Overseers of the Poor in addition to the present number but voted not to Choose them

Voted to Choose One in place of Chandler M Pratt who declins Serving
and by Vote Chose Charles Brigham Esqr

The Committee on Bridges would report and is as follows and it was voted to accept the same
The Committee on Bridges have discharged their duty and report as follows they have built a Stone bridge near Robert Lathes at an expense of thirty four dollars $ 34.00
Also built an arch bridge near Joseph Meriams at a cost 75.00
they have made repairs on most of the Wooden bridges in the Town they have expended for Plank 44.72
and for Spikes $4.80 and for Labour $27.28 32.08
$ 151.80
Cr By old timber Sold from Meriam bridge One dollar & twenty five 1.25
Leaveing a balance of Expense for supporting bridges the past year of $ 150.55
All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Austin Holbrook } Committee
Grafton April 4th 1853 Lewis Holbrook }

Voted to accept of the following Depts against the Town
the Overseers of the Poor Bill amt $36.00
Daniel Wheelocks Bill for Board of his Daughter $33.75
Wm A Fiske Bill of $3.50 E Jourdans Bill of $3.41
And the the annal March Meting was voted to be
dissolved Also the Meting under the new warrent
be dissolved
Attest John B White . Town. Clerk

Know all men by these Presents that I Samuel G Congdon
as principal and Edward B Bigelow and Jonathan D
Wheler as Surties are holden and Stand firmly bound
and obliged unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in
the full Sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid unto the
said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to the which payment
well and truly to be made We bind Our selfs Our Heirs Executors
and administrators firmly by these Presents
Witness Our hands and Seals Dated the seventh day of
March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred
and fifty three
The Condition of this Obligation is such That if the said
Samuel G Congdon Shall faithfully perform all of his
duties as Constable of said Grafton in the Service of all Civil
Processes that may be committed to him during his term
of Offic begining with the date hereof then this Obligation
Shall be void Otherwise Shall remain in full force
power and virtue

Attest
James M Kimball } Samuel G Congdon § L S
E B Bigelow § L S
Jon.a D Wheeler § L S

We approve the within Bond
Benja W Fay
Chas. Prentice } Selectmen
S R White } of
A Slocomb } Grafton
H D P Bigelow

A true Copy. attest A B White T. Clerk

Know all men by these Presents that We George F Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principals and John W Slocomb of said Grafton as Surety are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the inhabitants of said Grafton in the full just Sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of Grafton

To the which payment well and truly to be made We bind Ourselves our Heirs Exectors and administrators firmly by these presents

Witness Our hands and seals dated the twenty Second day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three The Conditions of this Obligation is such that if the said George F Slocomb shall as Constable of said Grafton for the current year faithfully perform his duties in the service of all Civil Process which may be committed to him during his term of Office as Constable as aforesaid then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue

Witness
A Slocomb

George F Slocomb . LS
John W Slocomb . LS

We the Selectmen of Grafton approve of the within Bond

Benja W Fay
A Slocomb
H D P Bigelow

A true Copy Attest John B White . Town . Clerk

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton

We the undersigned Assessors of the said Town of Grafton agreable to the Laws of Commonwealth of Massachusetts have enrolled the following persons in the Militia of said Town whose names are inserted in the within Schedule to wit

G W Cary B A Green John S Smith James Gleason Albert C Howe John Whitney Michael Williams Silas Linton Lucian B Drury Thomas J Drury Rufus N Davenport Albert Pike George S Coombs Chas F Winn

Francis Winn William S Bruce David H Watkins James
H Kelley Jeremiah Munroe Joseph H Duncan Caleb Wood
William F Slocum M C Mayo J C Coons Abel L Hawes
Thomas Rearden Joseph Henry John J Stow George Blanding
John C David Samuel Redding John C Andrews Moses Bond
William Pierce Abraham Vancuren John Daniels Elisha Daniels
John S Sweeney Nathaniel J Stow Thomas L Jacobs Henry N
Kingsbury Edmund F Wheler Joseph Despau Perley Goddard
Chas. Goddard Jr. James F Thorndike John L Adams James
Kelly Lourvo S Wheelock Jon.a H Wood Francis M Wood
William H Wood Augustus H Aldrich Winthrop Faulkner
William D Wheler Henry C Hawes Hanson G Hinds
Sam.l A Wheler Chas. Rowell Darius Leavett F M Marble
F A Bosworth John N Bullen John H Kimball S C Flagg
L F Allen Jonas H Chickering H D P Bigelow A M Bigelow
Chas. J Holden Solomon D Hall Zanthy Parker James
M Kimball Ezra Churchill James N White Isaac
Congdon H C Greenwood Chas. A Penniman Putnam
H Heywood Lincoln F Thompson George W Fay Henry
Mann John Brophy George Douglass George W Estabrooks
John W Estabrooks John McTiernen Eben Alcombrack
William Cheney Henry A Bigelow Jenks Longee Paul
Lake Benja Farquason Wm. C Stockwell W L Lennell
George W Howe George F Slocomb Augustus Slocomb
S W Farrington Chas. Jackson Calvin White Merrick
White George Rawson Leander Stockwell H S Warren
Jon.a C Warren Calvin Forbush Oscar Darling Thomas
Aldrich Andrew S Phillips Timothy Hosmer J P Honster
William P Fesenden Thomas J Baker John B Smith Francis
O Goddard Abner A Taft Emory M Stow Elijah S Munroe
Henry Bartlett Chester W Bailey John N Wilson Sawyer
McLaughlin Leonard Keyes Ira Hosmer C L Rider
Oliver H Wheelock Jasper S Nelson Henry S Nelson
William P Gifford Horace P Brown Erastus Fisher Isaac
Redding John Porter Edwin Blake James M Goodell
Stephen N Longee Omer Aldrich Washington Ferry
Thomas Cady Smith B Chase Alfred Moore George W
Crombie James H Wright Thomas A Buffum A C Williams

Augustus Emerson Stewart Woodman Joseph Mc Henry Patrick
Mc Henry Robert Nillson Chas. Heywood Philo Stacy Arnold
Sherman James H Bixby Thomas Cheney Joseph Howard
Asher Moore Harvey Dodge Henry Hall Elisha Chase
Elisha Chase Jr. Darius Ferry Jr. Benson Buxton George
Gorman Crinton Smith John Lemon John Sutton
Royal Leland John Hitchens Ephraim E Healy Chas. J
Randall Alanson J Burns Harlow Walcott John Houghton
James Gregory Jr. Jon.a E Nichols Sam.l B Doliver Henry A
Gifford Charles Prentice Freeman Vancuren Lewis Daniels
Josiah Noreross Jr. Rufus Carter Jr. N D Bailey Erastus Fuller
William Despan E G Harrington Joseph H Pinkham William Clegg
Albert Donovan Noah L Goodrich James B Starkey Charles
R Whitney William S King Joseph Doliver Patrick Kennady
John Malony Joel F Cobb Chas. Mower H H Messenger
Emerson Fuller A L Fuller George Burns Constant R Davis
Chas. R Norcross Mathew H Burns C D Palmer Wm. F Slocum
Evans Bond Everett Linsley Brooks Bixby George Whitney
Joseph Day William Mathews Eli Mathews Isaac J Gibson
C C Fast Jacob Spring John B Rice Alson Cook Warren Campbell
Harvlin J Eddy James Hayes Jr. Lyman Wood Stephen E Brown
John S Burnap Jusley Aldrich Jepthah Newton Peter Mc Keone
Edward Cortie John Roach Mathias Mc Laughlin Patrick
Bowers William Mayor Alpheus Fuller James F Lippett
Cornelius Dugan John Harrington Amos D Johnson Henry
F Livsey Mathew Mc Arthur William Place William S
Place Enoch Place Walter Forehand John Dunn Winthrop
Howe Andrew S Doe Edward Hargraves Edmond Congdon
Levi L Smith John Bell James Mayor Albert Hilton
John H Adams M J Buckley James Kennady
William Foster William Bliss William Prentice
Preston Millard Thomas J Paine Ferdinand Holbrook Stephen
J Cole Nelson Ferry John Reading Roswell B Hodges Record
Burns Horace Batchelder Calvin Prentice Stephen R White
Flint Howe William Folen Charles Jenkins Thomas Gale
Albert Manville Edward Booty Clemons Goodnow
William Leggate William E Robbins Charles J Smith
Henry Hall Wilson Sibley Amos Smith Henry C Fuller

Augustus Fowler George W Bradford Tarrent Sherman
Horatio Davis Austin D Bassett Josiah G Hall
Francis M Hall Willis Wales Charles N Farnum
Warren Brigham Horace A Chickering John Higgins
John H Higgins Henry Lathe James Young Jr. Wm H Newton
Andrew J Paine Augustus Thayer Daniel White George Fosdick
John P Crosby Charles C Wood Nathaniel Adams E C Hall
Leander Lackey John Quinn Saml C Whitney Bradford Chase
Joseph Adams 2nd Abijah Adams Joseph B Adams
Francis H Meriam Joseph C Flagg John M Newton Henry
Holden Charles C Avery George Baker Michael Russell
Jonas Munroe Adolphus Holt Jasper Fay Cyrus Aldrich
E F Chamberlain Charles Chamberlin Thomas R Aylett
Ethan R Thompson Lewis C Randall James Martin
Earl Joslin Francis Carroll Appleton Carroll Benja S Watson
Joseph H Aylett Cyrus W Stratton Seth J Aylett J F Hodges
James E Dodge Edwin C Kent Thomas A Leland Porter
Morse Chas L Michell Joseph Willard Chas W Mitchell
Ephraim L Goulding Henry Wesson Lorenzo S Murdock
John C Sinclair Benjamin Robinson Elijah B Knowlton
Henry B Fairbanks Thomas Fishlock Silas Fishlock
Abner Cushing Benja F Barney James Howard George L
Hubbard Elijah B Brooks Leander Putnam Clery Legate
Wm F Barker Charles Prentice 2d John C Prentice N Chase
Matthias Chapin Levi P Bigelow Francis W Jacobs
Ashley W Rice Curtis Cady Joshua W Harrington
Edwin Smith Orrin Davis Leonard S Murdock
Lyman Fuller Mr Linsley Albert A Smith J Linsley
John A Sherman Chas A Fuller Levi L Jose Henry Gifford
Andrew J Copp Marius M Elliott Wm Harrington
George C Putnam Charles Putnam J J Goodrich
Hezediah Smith Ora S Gibbs George Wright
Horatio Fiske Otis Brown Henry G Johnson Aaron Elliott
Newman C Allen Wm H Taylor Edward Hilton Henry Herbert
Wm H Perkins Nelson Phillips Harvey Horton David Thompson
Thomas Johnson Wm S Crosby J D Turner Caleb Turner
Andrew Freeman Harrison Eames Augustus Salsbury
David Salsbury Royal A Keith Henry G Prentice

Jon^{a} S Fiske William A Fiske Daniel Sumner Lewis Sumner
Jon^{a} B Sibley John H Stiles Silas Walcott David R Chamberlin
John Cann Daniel Carr Clifford Nickerson S S Drury
Jeremiah Flagg Roswell A Smith Frederick Waterman
Eli B Sadler Cha^{s} R Prentice A H White George Dunn
John J Brooks Shepherd Cooper Kendrick Hunt
Edwin J Leland John O Neal John O Farrington
Joel Taft Thomas Brewer Calvin S Thurston Daniel Lincoln
Wm^{m} H Brown Henry Gill Joseph Wheeler L E Bond
Ebenezer Mason Isaac Jolley Peter King Joseph Snow
Edward Bennett Lewis Fay Otis B Pratt Ebenezer S Lincoln
Barnabus Newton Rufus B Potter David White Jr Timothy Bowers
Henry F Wing Horace Day Wm^{m} M Stow Leonard Brown
Warren Stow Joshua Congdon Frederick Brimblecom
John C Bennett George White Phillips Wall Albert Bradish
Samuel Hutchinson Lewis Moore Samuel Waterman
Lot Hosmer Levi S Benson Rufus L Wetherby Benj^{a} C Watson
Augustus Auberton John W Estabrooks Richard Crane
Martin Fassett Noah Fletcher Sumner Dunsmore
Rud F Knowlton Samuel G Congdon David W Carpenter
Alfred Holden Alanson G Hinds Hervey J Pratt Wm^{m} Holbrook
Winthrop H Durgin Martin B Howe James H Munroe
Wm^{m} Brewer John M Davenport Sylvester Bullard John A
Pierce John Sargent George W Hale Stephen H Bowdoin
Levi G Paine James W Morse Richard Pratt Wm^{m} S Woods
John Fawcett Wm^{m} A Noyes Silas A Pierce Wm^{m} P Dowley
Frederick A Perry George R Enslow Wm^{m} B Smith Leander F
Smith Seth D Chapin Thomas J Gregg Isaac J Gibson
Robert Griffin Jos S Hoit E Barrett R D Chase Alfred
Dunham A F Goodrich Adams Godfrey Charles Martin
Wm^{m} Sawyer Francis Sawyer Stephen Foster John Billsbury
Morey L Britton Charles Rood Cha^{s} Wingate Loren
Moore Cha^{s} Putnam Josiah Leavitt

Charles Brigham
Lewis Holbrook } Assessors of
J B White } Groton

A Copy Attest

John B White T. Clerk

To the Clerk of the Town of Grafton This is to certify that all the lands of the several Non-residents Owners that are Assessed in said Grafton to the several Proprietors shall be considered belonging to and liable to be Taxed in the several School Districts as follows to Wit

District No One

Names	Place of Abode
Brown William Heirs of	Sutton
Eddy Justus	Millbury
Mills Lewis Guardian	Boston
Rice George K	Millbury
Forbush Jonathan	Boston
Green Lucy Mc	New York
Green Lebi	Worcester
Stoddard Martin	Providence R I
Willson E B Rev	West Roxbury
Griggs Salem	Worcester
Conwarr Otis	Worcester

District No Two

Chase Abraham D	Sutton
Sutton Manufac Co	Sutton
McLellen John	Sutton
Howe William	Millbury

District No Three

Darling Arka G	Uxbridge
Holmes Betsey	Upton
Legg William Heo	Upton
Holmes Christopher C	Holliston
Putnam John	Upton
Sadler Samuel	Upton
Thurston George	Uxbridge
Farrington Chloe Mrs	Upton
Baker Thomas Mc	Upton
Morey Celia Mrs	Sutton

District Number Four

Fay John R	Worcester Mass
March Samuel	Millbury "
Nourse Benjamin	Westboro "
Maynard Curtis	Worcester
Sanbourn Lowel	Maine Maine
Flint Thomas G	New Hampshire N.H.

District Number five

Goddard Nathan A	Framingham
Warren Samuel D	Boston

District Number Six

Adams Elizebeth Heirs of	Boston
Alexander Whitney	Blackstone R.I.
Backhelder Adolphus	Northbridge
Cooper Abner Heirs of	"
Dudley Joseph	Sutton
Fisher Waterman A	Worcester
Holbrook Sylvanus	Northbridge
Jones David	Worcester
Nolen Wm B	Woonsocket R.I.
Rourke Patrick	Jewett City Ct.
Slocomb Pliny	Sutton
Smith Jemima	Billingham
Howard Henry D	Framingham

District Number Seven

Raymon Willard	Westboro
Sprague Daniel	Douglass
Thurston Wm H	Oxford
Gavin Patrick	Millford
Brigham Sarah & Mrs	Worcester

District Number Eight

Meriam John H	Framingham
Meriam David E	Leicester

District Number Nine

Broad Lewis	Natick
Le Forest S O	Vernon N.H.
Fairbanks Silas H	Clinton Mass
Harrington Isaac S	Worcester

Hyde Horatio M.	Newton Mass
Hastings Jonas	Millbury "
Robbins. E. H. Heirs of	Boston
Mason E B	Boston
Arnold Charles H	Worcester
Brown Philena Mrs	Burrillville R I
Leland Charles F	Milford N H

District Number Ten

Providence & Worcester R Road

Winter David	Southbridge

District Number Eleven

Boston & Worcester R Road

Brigham Augustus Mrs	Shrewsbury
Witherby Luke B	"
Wesson Charles	Worcester

Given under Our hands this fourteenth day of June A.D. 1853

Charles Brigham
Lewis Holbrook } Assessors of
A B White } Grafton

A Copy Attest John B White . Town . Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton and Southbridge in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby Certify that We have met this day and Perambulated the boundary lines between said Towns of Grafton and Southbridge as the Law directs

Dated at Grafton & Southbridge this twenty seventh day of September 1853

Israel Plummer } Selectmen of
Jere Robinson } Southbridge

Stephen R White } Selectmen of
Augustus Slocomb } Grafton

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and Warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday Fourteenth day of November Current at nine O Clock in the forenoon being the second Monday of said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth And for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the Year ensueing And also to Choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators will all be received on One ballot and for Representatives on Seperate ballots

The polls will be Opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at Ten O Clock in the forenoon on said day and Closed at three O Clock P. M

Also to bring in their votes by ballot yea or Nay on the following propositions Submitted by the Constitutional Convention held on the first Wednesday of May 1853 in Sealed Envelopes on One ballot viz

1st " Shall proposition number One Containing the Preamble Declaration of Right and Frame of Government Stand as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

2nd " Shall proposition number two respecting the Habeas Corpus Stand as part of the Constitution

3th " Shall proposition number three respecting the Right of Juries Stand as part of the Constitution

4th " Shall proposition number four Respecting Claims against the Commonwealth Stand as part of the Constitution

5th " Shall proposition number five Respecting Imprisonment for Dept Stand as part of the Constitution

6th " Shall proposition number Six Respecting Sectarian School Stand as part of the Constitution

7th " Shall proposition number Seven Respecting the Creation of Corporations Stand as part of the Constitution

8th " Shall proposition number Eight Respecting the formation of Banks and requireing Security for Bank Bills Stand as part of the Constitution

And you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants above named to meet at the place above named at two O Clock P M on said day to act on the following Articles

Article 1st " To Choose A Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd " To see if the Town will accept the By Laws of the Grafton fire Department as reported by the Board of Engineers or act thereon

" 3th " To hear the report of any Outstanding Committees and act thereon

" 4th " To see if the Town will accept a list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon

" 5th " To see what measures the Town will take to liquidate Town Depts and what disposal it will make of the funds in the hand of the Collector and Treasurer

" 6th " To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to Call on the Collector for a true account of all Monys received on the taxes Committed to him and on the Treasurer for an account of Monys received as Collector and Otherwise and the amount of payment with the balance in his hands

And you are directed to serve this warrent by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town and at the Meeting House in New-England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village ten days at least bifore the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this First day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three

Benjamin W Fay
Charles Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D S Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss I have served the within warrent by posting up attested Copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town ten days bifore the time of holding this Meeting

Geo F Slocomb
Constable of Grafton

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held on Monday the 14th day of November 1853 to bring in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor and five Senators on One ballot The Whole number of ballots Cast for Governor was Four hunered and Sixty nine votes 469

Henry Willson of Natick has Two hunered and two Votes 202
Emory Washburn of Worcester has One hunered & seventy three votes 173
Henry W Bishop of Lenox has Ninety Votes 90
Bradford L Wales of Randolph has Four Votes 4

Whole number of Ballots Lieutenant Governor was four hundred and Sixty nine 469

Amasa Walker of north Brookfield has Two hunered and two votes 202
Wm C Plunkett of Adams has One hunered and Seventy three votes 173
Levi A Dowley of Boston has Ninety votes 90
George Osborne of Danvers has Four votes 4

Whole number of Ballots for Senators was Four hunered and Sixty five

Isaac Davis of Worcester has Two hundred & Eighty five votes 285
Joseph W Manson of Fitchburg has Two hundred & Eighty Six votes 286
Elisha Murdock of Winchendon has Two hundred & Eighty four votes 284
Aurin Bugbee of Charlton has Two hundred & Eighty three votes 283
Joseph Whitman of Millford has Two hundred & Eighty four votes 284

Henry S Washburn of Worcester has One hundred & Seventy three votes 173
Aaron C Mayhew of Millford has One hundred & Seventy three votes 173
John Edely of Dudley has One hundred and Seventy three votes 173
Ephraim Murdock of Winchendon has One hundred & Seventy three votes 173
Wm Parkhurst of Petersham has One hundred & Seventy three votes 173

Moses Adams of Ashburnham has Six votes 6
Eli Warren of Upton has Six votes 6
Asa Woodbury of Sutton has Six votes 6
Thomas Bond of Boylston has Six votes 6
Henry M Studley of Warren has Six votes 6

The Whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to General Court was Four hundred and Sixty two 462

Nessessary to a Choice is Two hundred and thirty two 232

Benjamin Kingsbury has Two hundred & forty three votes 243

And is Chosen

Charles Brigham has One Hundred & fifty nine votes 159

Frederick Waterman has Forty nine votes 49

Samuel B Dollivers has Ten votes 10

Hiram Fernald has One vote 1

Votes on the Constitutional Propositions

First Proposition One hundred and Seventy three Says 173

And Three hundred and One Yes 301

Second Proposition One hundred and Seventy two Says 172

" " And Three hundred and Two Yea 302

Third Proposition One hundred and ~~Seventy~~ Eight Says 178

" " And Two hundred and ninety Six Year 296

Fourth Proposition One hundred and Seventy two Says 172

" " And Three hundred and two Yeas 302

Fifth Proposition One hundred and Seventy four Says 174

" " And Three hundred Yeas 300

Sixth Proposition One hundred and Seventy two Says 172

" " And Three hundred and two Yeas 302

Seventh Proposition One hundred and Seventy four Says 174

" " And Three hundred Yeas 300

Eight Proposition One hundred and Seventy five Says 175

" " and Two hundred and ninety nine Yeas 299

At a Meting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held November 14th 1853 at 2 O'Clock P.M Article First

By vote Chose Edward B Bigelow Moderator for said Meting

Article Second

Voted to Pass over at present this article as the Clerk of the Fire department was not present to report the By Laws

Art 3th To hear the report of any Antestanding Committee

Road Committee Report is as follows

The Committee would report that the Road Fifty two rods in length Commencing near the House of Widow Scott and terminating near the House of Sally Wheelock they have caused to be made at the Expense of Fifty three dollars which is about One dollar and two cents per rod

The Committee have also Expended upon the Road Commencing near the House of Pardon Aldrich and terminating near the House of Rodney Leland the sum of Fifty dollars which Sum was appropriated for the same

Grafton Nov 14" 1853

Joseph B Adams
John M Newton } Committee
Erastus Fisher

Voted to Accept the above report

Attest John B White. Town Clerk

Article Fourth

Voted to Accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be put into the Jury Box and the names are as follows

Liberty Wood John Putnam Jr. Charles Brigham
Samuel W Putnam Jonathan Warren John Whitney
Levi P Leland Joseph Kimball Erastus Fisher
Asa F Smith Royal A Keith Enoch Saunders
Elijah Kimball Benjamin W Fay Luther Wright
Leander S Pratt Seth J Axtell Soloman Carroll
John B White Samuel F Redding Benjamin Kingsbury
Nathan Hancock Edward B Bigelow Jefferson Billows
Luke Leland Rufus E Warren Silas Forbush
John P Hayden Frederick Waterman Charles Goddard
Jon.a W Stow Lewis Holbrook Abraham M Bigelow
Jon.a D Wheeler Calvin W Forbush Horace P Brown

John W Slocomb Oliver M Brigham Chandler M Pratt
Lewis W Dodge Luke F Allen Samuel C Flagg
Sumner Dunsmoor Hasket D P Bigelow Wyman Fay
Wm " Holbrook Francis Winn Augustus Slocomb
Charles Prentice Samuel B Dolliver Lewis H Bigelow
Joseph B Adams Rodney Leland Gilbert C Fast
Alfred Morse Joseph Batchelder Stephen R White
Harvey J Pratt George F Slocomb Alfred Holden
George W Cromb Jr " Ashley W Rice Jasper S Nelson
Jonathan B Sibley Hollis Chamberlain

A Correct List of Names Attest A B White Town Clerk

Article Fifth

Voted to Pass over this article

Article 6th " After a very warm discussion in regard to this article it was voted to Pass it Over

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest A B White Town. Clerk

and after the blank returns were filled of the number of Votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor & Senators and the Constitution-al Propositions the Annual November Meeting was voted to be dissolved

Attest A B White Town. Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twentieth day of February Current at One Oclock P. M. to act on the following articles to Wit "

Article 1st " To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

Art 2nd " To see what Measures the Town will take in regard to the Petition of Joshua W Leland and Others presented to the Legislature to be sett off from Grafton as part of a new Town to be called Town of Chapin Or act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting up attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village & Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Eleventh day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty four

Benjc W Fay
Stephen R White } Selectmen
Augustus Slocomb } of
H D P Bigelow } Grafton

Worcester ss

Grafton February 20th 1854

I have served the within Warrent by posting up attested Copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town as directed by a vote of the Town

George F Slocomb } Constable of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest John B White. Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 20th day of February AD 1854 at One O Clock P M pursuant to Warning the following proceedings were had. to Wit

Article 1st By Ballot Chose L Wood Moderator

Article 2nd It was motioned to pass over this article but did not prevail as they voted not to pass it over

It was then motioned by Joseph Bruce to Choose a Committee to Oppose the Petition of Joshua W Leland & Others and that they Employ William Brigham Esqr of Boston to defend their Case before the Legislature

Voted to Choose a Committee of 5 & then the vote was dompted and the House was devided in Order to Count

And there were One hundred and Eighty in favour to Choose a Committee of 5 Persons and Fifty One Opposed So the vote prevailed to Choose a Committee

Voted to Choose this Committee by Ballott. It was reconsidered and then voted to Choose this Committee by Nomination of the Chair

And the following Persons were nominated

Joseph Bruce Benjamin Kingsbury Charles Goddard Luke Leland and John Whitney

Voted to instruct this Committee to procure Signatures to a remonstrance against this Territory being set off

And then it was Motioned & Seconed that this Meeting be dissolved And it was voted to be dissolved Accordingly

A true Copy of the Meeting

February 20. 1854 Attest John B White Town Clerk

Worcester S.S

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of March next at 9 O'Clock A. M to act on the following articles to Wit

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer

" 3th To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Ensuing

" 4th To hear the Report of the Selectmen and Act thereon

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

6th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon

7th To determine the Manner of repairing the Highways Town Ways and Bridges the ensuing year

8th To raise such Sums of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the year ensuing and Make Appropriations of the same Or act thereon

Art 9th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntary pay their Tayes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct and determine when all Tayes shall be Collected and paid into the Treasurer and fix the Compensation of the Collector Or act thereon

Art 10th To See what Compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burrying the Dead Or act thereon

" 11th To hear the Repot of the Trustees of the Pine Grove Cemetary and act thereon

12th To hear the Repot of the Trustees of the River Side Cemetary and act thereon

13th To See if the Town will authorise the Several Prudential Committes to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts Or act thereon

14th To See if the Town will Cause one of the Church Bells to be Rung at 12 O'Clock M and 9 O'Clock P.M. Or act thereon

15th To See if the Town will Erect a Suitable Tomb for the Dead to be located in Pine Grove Cemetary as petitioned for by C B Jenks and Others or act thereon

16th To See if the Town will Cause the Walls to be reset and the Gates repaired around the Cemetary at Farnumville and Cause Ornamental Trees to be set in the same and otherwise to be put in as good and respectable Condition as other Cemeta-ries in the Town and also to See if the Town will enlarge Said Cemetary or purchase a lot at some other place for the Convenience of the South part of the Town as petitioned for by Levi Rawson & Others Or act thereon

Art 17th To See if the Town will build an arch Bridge across the Canal near the house of Joshua W Leland as petitioned for by Levi Rawson and Others Or act thereon

18th To See if the Town will Sell the Engines & Engine Houses in Said Town the Whole or either one of them and Appropri-iate the proceeds to the payment of the Town debts as petitioned for by Levi Rawson & Others or act thereon

19th To See if the Town will pay district no 6 for a School Apparatus which the Town borrowed of Said district for the use of its high School and which was entirely Spoiled as petitioned for by Levi Rawson & Others Or act thereon

Art 20 To see if the Town will purchase a Hearse and build a Hearse House for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the South part of the Town As petitioned for by Levi Rawson and Others or act thereon

21st To see if the Town will pay the Officers of the several Engine Companies such sums as with the amounts already voted to the firemans shall justley compensate them for the time and labor devoted to the affairs of their respective Companies As petitioned for by A J Robbins & Others or act thereon

22 To see if the Town will cause a Barn to be built on the Town farm or act thereon

23th " To see if the Town will accept the Bye laws of the Grafton Fire Department as reported by the board of Engineers or act thereon

24 To see if the Town will continue its School Districts or act thereon

25 To hear the report of any Outstanding Committe or act thereon

26 To Accept Town Debt

27th " To see if the Town will Establish a High School or act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrent by posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village & Stand Ove two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meting Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this Twenty Second day of Febuary in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty four

Benj W Fay
Charles Prentiss
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss March 6th " 1854 I have served this Warrent by posting up attested Copys thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses as directed by the within Warrent

Attest John B White Constable of Grafton

A true Copy attest John B White Town Clerk

At the annual Town Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday March 6th AD 1854 Pursuant to Warning

The following proceedings Were had

Article 1st By Ballot Chose Otis Adams Moderator for said Meeting

Art 2nd Anthony Chase of Worcester had Two hundred and thirty nine votes for County Treasurer 239 votes

Art 3th By Ballot Chose Benjamin W Fay Charles Prentice Stephen R White Augustus Slocomb H D P Bigelow for Selectmen of the Town of Grafton all of whom were Sworn befor Otis Adams Esqr Moderator

Chose John. B White Town Clerk and was Sworn befor Otis Adams Esqr. A true Record Attest John B White Town Clerk

For Assessors By Ballott Chose

Charles Brigham
John B White
Benjn Kingsbury
} Assessors of Grafton

Charles Brigham Benjamin Kingsbury Sworn befor Me

J B White Town Clerk

John B White Sworn befor Wm F Slocum Esqr Justice of the Peace

Attest John B White Town Clerk

By Ballott Chose Charles Brigham Joseph Kimball and Samuel B Dolliver for Overseers of the Poor

Voted to have 3 Men for the General School Committee & by Ballott Chose William F Slocum Joseph Smith and Farrington Mc Intire for General School Committee

Voted to Pass over the Third article at Present and take up the 9th Article

Voted that a discount of five per cent shall be made to those persons who shall pay their Taxes on or befor the first day September and Three per cent to those who shall pay their Taxes on or befor the first day of November next

And that all Taxes Shall be Collected and paid into the Treasury on or befor the first day of January next

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be put up at Auction and the Man who will give the most for to Collect them Shall be Chosen Collector and Treasurer And they were bid off by H D P Bigelow to pay the Town Two and five Eights per cents for Collecting

And then by Ballott Chose H D P Bigelow Esqr for Treasurer and Collector of the Town of Grafton who cam & was Sworn bfore Me March 6 1854 attest John B White Town Clerk
Voted to take up the Eight Article
And Voted to Raise the Sum of Ten thousand dollars as a Money Tax 10.000
Voted to Appropriate the Sum of Three thousand dollars for Schooling besides what comes from the State and the Singletaxes
Voted to Raise the Sum of Twelve hundred dollars for Highway Town ways &c as a Labor Tax And to allow for the labor of men 12½ cts per hour and 12½ cts per hour for Oxen and tools is left discretionary with the Surveyors
Also Voted to Appropriate the Sum of Five hundred dollars for Special Repairs on Roads &c under the direction of the Selectmen
Voted to take up the 3th. Article
And Voted to Choose Five Constables this year
By Ballott Chose John D Adams Lucian B Drury A D Palmer John B White and H L Peack for Constables for the Town of Grafton
Voted to Choose Thirteen Highway Surveyors and Collector of Highway Taxes for this year
And By Ballott Chose

Leander L Pratt Sworn Apl 11 Bfore Town Clerk
Levi N Leland "
Frederick Waterman
Thomas Rearden " May
Levi P Bigelow " March 8th. " "
Bradford Chase " March 8" " "
Francis Carroll " March 7" " "
Erastus Fisher
Benja Robinson " March 11th. " "
Loring Davis
A Crosby
John H Stiles " Apl 11th. " "
Samuel W Putnam

Voted to have 6 Field Drivers this year

And Chose John S Sweney Sworn by[illegible] me J B White Town Clerk

Samuel H Allen

Elijah Stow Sworn " " " " "

I D Palmer Sworn " " " " "

Charles L Chamberlin Sworn " " " " "

Henry Crippen Sworn March 9th by[illegible] me J B White T Clk

Voted That the Selectmen Appoint the Measurers of Wood and Bark and that they Appoint the Measurers of Lumber

By Ballot Chose Barnabus Newton as Pound Keeper this year

Voted to Choose 2 Measurers of Leather

And Chose John W Slocomb & Rufus E Warren

Voted that the Selectmen be the Auditing Committee this year

Voted to have 3 Fence Viewers

And Chose Francis Carroll Sworn March 9th

" Joseph B Adams Sworn " "

" Hollis Chamberlin

By Ballot Chose Jonathan D Wheeler as a Trustee of the River Side Cemetary in place of Jonathan Warren Whos term has Expired

Voted to take up the 7th Article

which is in regard to the Manner of repairing the Highways & Town ways And it was Voted to Adopt the last years plan and that the Selectmen have Charge of Bridges that are Over Eight feet Across

Voted to take up the 23d Article

And report as follows Board of Engineers for 1853-54

John W Slocomb Ezek Saunders Jonathan D Wheeler

A F Smith Erastus Fisher L S Pratt

David Jourdan Sam[illegible] B Doliver J W Harrington

Names of Engines	Foreman	Place of Location
No 1 Rescue	A M Bigelow	Centre
" 2 Emperor	M M Elliott	N E Village
" 3 Blackstone	A J Robbins	Farnumville

John W Slocomb Chief Engineer

J W Harrington Clerk

By Laws

Article 1 It Shall be the duty of the Members of the Engine Hose Hook and Ladder and Fire Companies to Keep the Several Houses committed to their Charge in neat and proper order and have Snow ice rubbish &c removed from each building connected with the Fire Department So that the Fire Apparatus can be easily removed
It Shall also be their duty to Keep the Fire Apparatus of every Kinds of which they have the care in good and effectiv order and on return of said Apparatus from fire to wash clean and put it in thorough order and condition for immediate use

Art 2 At a Fire in the night the head Quarters of the Department will be designated by a Signal Lantern made for that purpos and placed at Some Convenint point near the fire to which all the Officers will repair when necesary for Orders

Art 3 No Engine Hose Hook and Ladder or Fire Company attached to the Department is to leave a Fire or take the Apparatus of which they have Charge therefrom without order or permission of the Engineers

Art 4 If any Engine or Fire Apparatus be damaged that immediate repairs are necessary the Commanding Officer Shall immediately report to either of the Engineers and take his directions relativ to the repair of said Engin or Fire Apparatus

Art 5 Badges are to be worn at all fires Said Badges to be Adopted by Each Company and Approved of by the Board of Engineers

Art 6 The utmost order and decorum is to be preserved in going to and Working at and returning from a Fire that the nature of the business will permit

Art 7 Each Commanding Officer will remain by his Company and preserv Order and direct their Operations

Art 8 It is recommended as a General rule to avoid opening the Doors or Windows of a building on fire until a Supply of Water can be procured and when Water is obtained to apply it judiciously and directly on the fire and carefully avoid damaging Furniture or goods by Water

Artick 9 The Engines and fire Apparatus will be under the particular Charge of the Engineers and at all Fires and Drills the Commanders of each company will receive Orders from the Engineers

Art 10th At an alarm of fire it shall be the duty of the Members of the Several companies to repair immediately to the place of deposit of the Several Apparatus to which they may belong attached and proceed therewith with all safe and convenient despatch to or near the place where the fire may be on arriving at the fire as a general rule the Suction Engine is to be taken immediately to the nearest supply of Water their Suction Hose lowered and their leading Hose extended and in the absence of the Engineers the Officers will exert themselves to procure a tub Engine to receive their Water and pass it on towards the fire provided however if the Suction can reach the fire with their own Hose and no tub Engine is ready to receive and play on the water they may receive it and play it themselves untill the arrival of some tub Engine

Art 11 Those Engines which cannot procure Water from the Suction the Engineers will cause lines to be formed of the Citizens to supply them with Water

Art 12 If any Member of the fire department shall at any fire Willfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty or disobey the orders of any Engineer he shall for each default forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars and all persons present at fires and not members of the Fire Department are hereby enjoined to obey the directions of any Engineer given at any fire and render their services if required under a penalty of not less than three nor more than twenty dollars for each offence

Art 13 If any individual shall deposit ashes in any Wooden vessels or deposit them where they come in contact with Wood by means of which buildings are exposed to take fire they shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars

Art 14 If any individual shall erect or maintain any defective Chimney hearth oven Stove or Stove pipe or other fixtures or whatever may give just cause of alarm or may be the means of kindling or spreading fire whenever notified by any two Engineers to repair the defect or remove the material which may be the means of a fire if said individual shall unreasonably delay in executing the direction of said Engineers he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars

Art 15 In all cases of fire the Chief Engineer shall have the general supervision and direction of the fire department and he shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires protection of property and preservation of order

Art 16 The Chief Engineer may issue to each member of the fire Department a certificate of his membership and it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to make a return to the Selectmen of the Town one week before the first of April annually of the State of the Fire Department said return to be laid before the Town

Art 17 At all meetings for business or drills the Clerk shall call the Roll precisely at the time appointed Should the Clerk be absent a Clerk pro tem shall be chosen

Art 18 Each Engine Company shall be allowed the sum of ten dollars for taking care of their Engine and all apparatus belonging to the same

Art 19 Each Engine Company shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per mile for Horse hire when called to a fire without the limits of their School District

Accepted and Approved March 6 1854

Attest John B White Town Clerk

Voted to take up the 4th Article which is to hear the report of the Selectmen

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the completion of their Official duties for the year ending March 1st. 1854 would submit the following Report of the condition of the Town Viz

They have settled with H D P Bigelow Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct and is as follows

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To Amount in the hands of Treasurer and Collector	$ 2,986 .50
" Cash recd. of the Selectmen for Support of Polly Dunsmon	147.95
" Cash recd. of the Selectmen for proceeds of Old Weights & Measures	5 36
" Cash Borrowed of the Worcester Mechanics Saving Institution	1,200,00
" Amt of State County & Town Taxes	12.604.47
" Cash recd. from State School Funds	249.32
" Interest On E Singletary note	60.00
" 2½ pr Ct on 11853.55 paid by the Collector	251,89
" Cash recd. of C A Pierce Town Agt.	56.46
	$ 17.561.95

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By paying Town note to Elizebeth S Cheney	$ 300.00
" " " " Reubin F Chase	1200.00
" " " " Abigail Russell	1000.00
" " " " Nor Mechanics Savings Bank	1200.00
" " Interest on Town Notes	844 58
" " State Tax for 1853	747.00
" " County " " "	1260.38
" " for Insuring Engine Houses	21.00
" " State Lun Hospital for Support of R A Johnson	95.80
" " " " " Polly Dunsmon	94 25
" " " " " Susan Murdock	68.56
" " " " Joanna Arnold	41.35
" " Assessors Orders for Abating Taxes	141 46
" " Collector for Discount on Taxes in 1853	539.24
Support of Common Schools " 1852	565 00
" " " 1853	2116 75
General School Com for High School 1852	75.00
" " " " " 1853	297.50

By paying Overseers of the Poor	610.00
" " S B White for services as Assessor	47.43
" " Committee on Engine Houses	1616.96
" " Repairs & Building Bridges	115.49
" " Seytons Bills	82 25
" " General School Committee for Services	92 00
" " Trustees of Riverside Cemetary	107 80
" " Overseers of Poor for Services	36.00
" " for Ringing Bells at 12 Oclock M & 9 P M	25.00
" " Daniel Murdock for boarding Susan J Murdock	33.75
" " Estate of Chas. Prentice for Services	91.75
" " Breaking Out Roads & Shoveling Snow	1981
" " Building Roads	103.00
" " Special Repairs on Roads	60.00
" " Bills Printing Reports	31.25
" " Hannah Scott for Land Damages	50.00
" " Solomon Carroll Services on Bridge Committee 1852	10.70
" " Guide Boards Post Boards Painting &c	60 43
" " C A Pierce Town Agt. for Sale of Liquors	128.07
" " Charles Goddard Mowing Brush on Burying Gd	5.00
" " A M Slocomb Chief Engineer	25.00
" " Sundrie Other Orders	6338
	14022 94
Whole Amount of Receipts	17 561 95
" " Expenditures	14 022 94
Balance in favour of the Town in the hands of Treasurer and Collector	3.539 01

Resources of the Town

Amount in the hands of Treasurer and Collector	$ 3,539.01
" of Emory Singletary Note	1,000.00
Town Farm and Buildings thereon	4800.00
Stock Hay and Grain Farming Utensils House hold Furniture as Valued by Overseers	1983.52
Wood Lot of 24 Acres	800.00
Amount of Liquors on hand in the hands of Town Agt.	120.00
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures	3230.00
Three Engine Houses	2000.00
	$ 17,472.53

Liabilities of the Town

One note to Worcester County Institution for Savings dated Feby 1st 1849 annual interest	$ 2000.00
One note to State Treasurer dated March 7th 1850 payable five years from date Interest to be paid Semiannually	5000.00
One note to State Treasurer dated Nov 16th 1852 payable in four years from date Interest to be paid Semiannually	4000.00
	$ 11.000.00

Whole amount of Assets	$ 17.472.53
" " Liabilities	11 000.00
Balance of Assets Over Liabilities	$ 6.472 53

All of which is respectfully submitted

Benja W Fay
Charles Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 1st 1854

Voted to accept the same attest J B White Town Clerk

Voted to take up the 5 Article

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor present the following Report to the Town

Expense of Supporting Paupers on the Farm past year		
Interest on Farm		288.00
Expense incurred in Carrying on the Farm Boarding Clothing Medical attendance &c		923.86
Agents Salary		312.50
Services of Overseers		36 00
		$ 1560.36

Amount of Produce sold &c	1004.56	
Due for Support of State Paupers	56 84	
Balance of Inventory above last year	413 65	
Amount of Credit	$ 1475 05	

Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on Farm of $ 85.31

Whole number Supported or assisted on farm past year 21
Number of Weeks Board 359 Average cost per Week 24 cts
Cost of Supporting paupers off the Farm during the past year
Paid for Support of Sally Phillips $24.20
" " Deborah Warren 36.00
" " Lucian Stone 26.00
" " Mrs A Burbank 29.56
" " G W Blanding Family 23.00
" " Levi Knowltons " 31.40
Funeral Expenses of Joanna Arnold 6.00
Paid for Support of the late Leonard Arnolds Children 3.50
" " Wife of James H Smith 2.00
" " Mrs Hosea Barrows 28.00
" " Samuel Ciscos Family 6.00
$215.66

Refunded by the Town of Oxford for Support
of G W Blandin Family 9.00
" Town of Shrewsbury for Support of
Levi Knowltons Family 31.40
" Town of Shrewsbury for Mrs H Barrow 28.00
$68,40

Balance for Supporting paupers off Farm past year $147.26
Total expense of Supporting Paupers past year 232.57

All of which is respectfully submitted

Lewis Holbrook
Charles Goddard } Overseers of the Poor of Grafton
Charles Brigham

Voted to accept this report

Attest John B White Town Clerk

Voted to take up the 10th Article and then Voted to allow the Sextons the same Compensation as last year

Voted to take up the 13th Article and Voted that the Prudential Committee employ their Teachers in their respective Districts

Article 14th Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Bells to be Rung at 12 o'clock M and 9 o'clock P.M

Article 15th " which is in regard to building a Tomb in Pine Grove Cemetary

Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 to acertain what the expense of building it would cost and Report at some furture Meeting and by Vote Chose Charles B Jenks Samuel B Dolliver and Asa F Smith for the Committee

Article 16th which is in regard to repairs on the Cemetary at Farnumsville

Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 to acertain in regard to this Cemetary and that said Committee Report at a Subsequent Meeting

And by Vote Chose Levi Rawson Enoch Saunders and Alfred Morse for the Committee

Article 17th " Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 Men and that they acertain the facts in the case and they Report at a furture Meeting & Chose Wm F Slocum Luke Leland & O M Brigham

18 Article Voted to pass Over

19 " Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 to find out the facts in the Case and Report at a furture Meeting By Vote Chose Edward B Bigelow for Luke Leland for the said J A Buffum Committee

20th " article Voted to have the same Committee attend to this " that is on the Cemetary at Farnumsville Viz Levi Rawson Enoch Saunders & Alfred Morse

21st " article Voted to pass Over this article

22nd " Voted that the Overseers of the Poor Build a Barn on the Town Farm

24th " Voted to Continue the Distrct System

26th " Voted to accept of the following Depts Viz

Silas Forbush	Bill of	$ 5.37½
Charles Brigham	"	42.00
Chas C Wood	"	11 37½
Jos Miriam &c	"	15 00
		$ 73.75

2[d] Artic A Motion was presented in writing by Alfred Morse
and it is as follows to Wit
That the Town continue the High School upon the same plan
as last year and for that purpose that the sum of three hundred
dollars be appropriated from the School Money befor the sum
is divided One hundred dollars of said sum to be expended
in the Centre One hundred in the southerly part and one
hundred in the northerly part of the Town
Voted to Adopt this Motion
12th article To Hear the Report of Trustees of Riverside Cemetary

The Trustees of the River side Cemetary in Conformity with
a Vote of the Town to that effect would respectfully submit
their Fourth Annual Report

During the past year some 14 lots have been sold
and most of them paid for at the established price of 3 cents
per foot The most of them have been cleared up and
fitted for interments And several of those announced in
our last report as sold have since that time been cleared
graveled turfed in a very tasteful manner
Two large substantial and costly monuments have been
erected since our last report and there is a prospect that
during the coming twelve months several more will be added
Some of the improvements planned and commenced last
year the Trustees have been thwarted in their efforts to
accomplish from various causes The pond which We had
commenced deepening and ornamenting was all the season
so full of water as to prevent the completion of the undertaking
As soon as circumstances favor it is our purpose to press
the work to a Speedy completion The Trustees believing
it to be for the interest of the Cemetary as well as an
accommodation to some at least of the public have decided
upon and commenced fitting up a number of lots ready
for interment The purchasers of these lots are to be charged
the expense of fitting up in addition to the regular price
of 3 cents a foot

The receipts and expenditures of the past year have been as follows

Receipts

Balance in hand March 7th 1853 as per last Report	$181.18
Received for lots sold	150.00
" " Wood sold	22.75
Total Receipts for the Year	$353.99

Expenditures

Paid note of the Trustees at the Worcester Saving Institute with the interest due on the same	$270.84	
" for Labor performed	20.07	$290.91
Balance of Receipts Over Expenditure		$63.08

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Thomas C Biscoe

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Cemetary

Grafton March 6th 1854

Voted to accept this Report Attest John B White Town Clerk

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at One Oclock P. M.

Attest John B White. Town Clerk

Monday April 3rd 1854

Pursuant to adjournment at One O Clock this day the inhabitants of the Town Met And the following proceedings were had

Chose George Dunn as Highway Surveyor and Collector of high-way Taxes in place of F Waterman who declines Serving

Chose Jona A Peack as Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes in place of Lorin Davis who declines Serving

Chose Chandler M Pratt as Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes in place of Samuel W Putnam who declines Serving

Chose Augustus Thayer as Highway Surveyor and Collector of highway Taxes in place of A Crosby who declines Serving

Chose Joel W Fay as Pound Keeper in Place of Barnabus Newton who declines Serving
And Mr Fay was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty May the 17th 1854 Befor me J B White Town Clerk

Chose George F Slocomb as Sealer of Weights and Measures in Place of J B White as he declines Serving

Article 22 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor have their Own time And it is left with them as to time Material and Expense in building the Barn on the Town Farm

Voted to reconsidder the vote whereby the Town voted to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for High School at the annual Meting in March

The General School Committees Report Was read
And the Town Voted to accept the same and that the Committe be anthorized to have the same Printed

Pine Grove Cemetary
The Trustees of the Pine Grove Cemetary ask leave to present to the Citizens of Grafton their report from March 1st 1851

Since our last report Death has continued his visits to our Billage and has taken one or mor of the members of many of our families The greater part of whom have ben laid in our Cemetary
Within the last two years Seventy Six burials have taken place In consequence of these burials increasing in number every year a Mournful but deep and abiding interest in the Cemetary is annually increasing Since our last report much time labor & money have been Expended in improving the Grounds Walks &c And it is hoped desirable improvements will Continue to be made

The Receipts and Expenditures are as follows

Expenditures

Paid Sundry persons for labor Lumber and interest on account to April 1st 1854 $462.26

Receipts

for thirty six lots sold and collected $383.73

for Grass and Wood sold & Collected 29.60 41 3 33

Amount of Balance against Cemetary to April 1st/54 $48.93

Resources for lots Sold and not collected $123.80

Balance in favour of the Cemetary Ap 1st $74.87

All of which is respectfully Submitted

C M Pratt

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Pine Grove Cemetary

Grafton April 3d 1854

Voted to accept this Report Attest John B White Town Clerk

Committee Report

On building a Tomb at Pine Grove Cemetary

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the necessity of building a Tomb in Pine Grove Cemetary Submit the following report That they have Examined the premises and found the location to be a good one the South end being on a line of the roads leading into the Cemetary (and level with said roads) is grassed up 5 feet high the digging will be very easy We have not gone into the particulars as to Expense but should think one built of good Material and in a good workmanlike manner would cost from $140 to $175

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Charles B Lord
S B Dolliver } Committee

Voted to accept this report and to choose a Committee of 3 to Build a Tomb

And by Vote Chose Chandler M Pratt
Asa F Smith
E B Brooks
For Said Committee

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Posts

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to present their report of all Places at which Guide Posts are erected and maintained within said Town of Grafton As follows at the Corner of the roads near Warren Block

at the Corner of the roads near the House of Jon.a D Mudge
at the Corner near the House of Samuel K Allen at the
Corner near the House of William Wallace at the Corner of
the Sutton & Northbridge roads a little south of the last named
place at the Corner near the House of Joseph Bruce
at the Corner near the House of William A Fiske at the Corner
between the last named place and George Dunns
at the Corner a little north of the House of H D Howard at the
Corner near the Indian Burying Ground at the Corner near
the Meeting House in Farnumville at the Corner near the
Store of Wright & Morse at the Corner near the House of
D T Smith at the Corner near the House of Austin Holbrook
at the Corner near the School House in Saunders Village
at the Corner near the House of Otis Conveys Place at Each of
the Corners between the Burying Ground and the House of
Samuel Despeau at the Corner of the Providence & Westboro
roads next to the last named Place at the Corner near the
Alms House at the Corner near the Meeting House in
New England Village at Each of the Corners near the House
of Jasper W Putnam at Each of the Corners northerly
of the House of James Houghtons at the Corner near the
House of Charles T Fays at the Corner near the House
of Nathan S Murdock at the Corner near the House of
Thomas R Aydell at the Corner near the House of Harvey
A Pratt at the Corner near the House of Joseph Kimballs
at the Corner near the House of Jefferson Bellows
at the Corner near the House of Jonathan Sibleys

All of Which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 6th
A D 1854

Benj.n W Fay
Chas. Prentice
S R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest John B White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these Presents That I Lucian B Dmry of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and George F Slocomb and Chas. A Pierce of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made We bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents Witness Our hands and Seals Dated the Eleventh day of March in the year of Our Lord one thous-and eight hundred and fifty four

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas at the annual Meeting of said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the Sixth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four the said Lucian B Dmry was duly elected as Constable of said Grafton for the year then Ensuing

Now if the said Lucian B Dmry shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of Civil process which may be committed to him as such Constable then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force power and virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of William F Slocum

L B Dmry L S
G F Slocomb L S
C A Pierce L S

We the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have examined the within bond and are satisfied that the same and the sureties thereto are good and sufficient and hereby Approve the same

Grafton March 11th 1854

Charles Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
Selectmen of Grafton

The above Bond was Filed in the Town Clerks Office March 13th A D 1854

Attest John B White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these Presents That I John Q Adams
Silas A Peirce and Rufus B Potter are holden and stand firmly
bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton
in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid
unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their
Successors or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be
made bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and administrators
firmly by these presents Witness our hands and seals
Dated the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas
the said John Quincy Adams at the annual Meeting
of the Inhabitants of said Grafton held on the sixth day
of March Current was duly Elected Constable for said Town
of Grafton for the year then ensueing Now if the said
John Quincy Adams as such Constable shall faithfully
perform his duties in the Service of all Civil process which
may be committed to him then this Obligation shall be void
Otherwise shall remain in full force power and Virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of

M D White

John Q Adams (L S)
R B Potter (L S)
S A Peirce (L S)

We have examined the within bond and consider the same
and the Sureties therein sufficient and hereby approve the same

Benja W Fay
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
Selectmen of Grafton

The above Bond was filed in the Town Clerks Office
the 21st day of March A D 1854

Attest John B White. Town Clerk

To the Clerk of the Town of Grafton

Sir

This is to certify that all the Land & Personal Property of the Several Nonresidents Owners that are assessed in said Town of Grafton to the several Proprietors shall be considered belonging to and liable to be Taxed in the several School District as follows To Wit.

In District No One

Brown William Heirs of	of Sutton
Eddy Sustus	" Millbury
Mills Lewis (Guardian)	" Boston
Rice George H	" Millbury
Forbush Jonathan	" Bolton
Green Lucy Mc	" New York
Griggs Salem	" Worcester
Green Levi	" Worcester
Warren Elijah	" Upton
Bennett John C	" Canton
Fosdick Robert	" Sutton

In District No 2

Chase Abraham D	Sutton
Sutton Manufac Co	Sutton
McLellen John	Sutton
Howe William	Millbury

District No 3

Darling Arba G	Uxbridge
Forbush Betsy	Upton
Legg & Co William	Upton
Holmes Chas. A	Upton
Holmes Christopher C	Holliston
Putnam John	Upton
Sadler Samuel	Upton
Thurston George	Uxbridge

Mrs Chloe Farrington of Upton Thomas M Baker of Upton
Mrs Celia Morey of Sutton Samuel Johnson of Upton

In District No 4

John R Fay of Worcester
Samuel March of Millbury
Lovel Sanborn of Maine
Shepard of Westboro
Benjamin Rowse of Westboro

No 5

Samuel Dennis Warren of Boston

No 6

Heirs of Elizabeth Adams of Boston
Adolphus Batchelder of Northbridge
of Northbridge
Holbrook of Northbridge
William B Stolen of Woonsocket R I
of Jewett City
of Bellingham
Peter Farnum of Philadelphia Pa
Whitney Alexander of Blackstone
Heirs of Abner Cooper
Joseph Dudley of Sutton
David Jones of Worcester
Patrick Rourke
Pliny Slocomb of Sutton
Henry D Howard of Framingham
David Farnum of Millford

No 7

Daniel Sprague of Douglass
Mrs Sarah E Brigham of New York

No 8

John H Meriam of Framingham
David E Meriam of Leicester

No 9

Lewis Broad of Natick
Jonas Hastings of Millbury
Charles H Arnold of Worcester
Charles F Leland of Millford No 6
Edward Smith of Worcester
S O Le Forest of Vernon No 6
E B Mason of Boston
Mrs Philena Brown of Burrillville R I
W A Fisher of Worcester
Ezra K Pratt of Worthing Indianna

No 10

Providence & Worcester R Road
David Winter of Northbridge

No 11

Boston & Worcester R Road
Mrs Augustus Brigham of Shrewsbury
of Shrewsbury
Henry Prentice of Worcester
Luke B Witherby
Heirs of Alpheus Merrifield of Worcester

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of June A D 1854

Charles Brigham
Benjamin Kingsbury
John B White
} Assessors of Grafton

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
in the County of Worcester Greeting)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirteenth day of November next at nine O Clock in the forenoon being the Second Monday of said month to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing

Also to bring in their Votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from district No nine to serve for Two years from the fourth of March next

And also to Choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators will all be received on one Ballot and for Representatives on Seperate ballots

And also to bring in their Votes for a County Commissioner

The polls will be opened to receive the Votes for the above Officers at Ten O Clock in the forenoon on said day

And You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants above named to meet at the place above named at two O Clock P M on said day to act on the following articles

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To hear the report of the Selectmen on widening the road between Lewis Holbrook and Aurelius Crosby or act thereon

" 3th " To hear the report of any Out Standing Committee or act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Benjamin W Fay
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ff Nov 13th a d 1854

I have served this warrent by posting up attested Copys thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as directed

Attest John B White } Constable of Grafton

Grafton November 13th 1854

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the above date Pursuant to Warning the following proceedings were had

Votes for Governor the whole number of ballot cast was four hundred and Sixty 460

Henry A Gardner of Boston had three hundred & nine Votes 309
Emory Washburn of Worcester had Seventy Seven Votes 77
Henry Willson of Natick had thirty five Votes 35
Henry W Bishop of Leroy had thirty Seven Votes 37
Charles Allen of Worcester had two Votes 2

Votes for Lieutenant Governor the Whole Number of ballots cast was four hundred and Sixty 460

Simeon Brown of Concord had three hundred & Eleven Votes 311
William C Bluntett of South Adams had Seventy five Votes 75
Increase Sumner of Great Barrington had thirty Seven Votes 37
Caleb Stetson of Braintree had thirty Seven Votes 37

Whole Number of Ballots Cast for Senators was four hundred and Sixty One 461

Henry W Benckley of Worcester had three hundred & Eleven Votes 311
Albert A Cook of Millford had three hundred & Eleven Votes 311
Jabez Fisher of Fitchburg had three hundred & Eleven Votes 311
Edward Denny of Barre had three hundred & Eleven Votes 311
Alvan G Underwood of Oxford had three hundred & ten Votes 310

Charles White of Worcester had thirty Eight Votes 38
George Swan of Hubbardston had thirty Eight Votes 38
Augustus Morse of Leominster had thirty Eight Votes 38
Isaac Plummer of Southbridge had thirty Seven Votes 37
Aurin Bugbee of Charlton had thirty Seven Votes 37

George A Vinton of Southbridge had thirty Seven Votes 37
George W Bentley of Worcester had thirty Six Votes 36
Levi Heywood of Gardner had thirty Six Votes 36
Luke Houghton of Barre had thirty six Votes 36
Sullivan Sumner of Millford had thirty Six Votes 36

Henry S Washburn of Worcester had Seventy three Votes 73
Aaron C Mayhew of Millford had Seventy five Votes 75
John Eddy of Dudley had Seventy five Votes 75
Ephraim Murdock of Winchendon had Seventy five Votes 75
William Parkhurst of Petersham had Seventy five Votes 75

Henry Chapin of Worcester had two Votes 2

Whole number of Ballots for Representative to Congress was four hundred and Seven 407
Alexander De Witt of Oxford had three hundred and Sixty two Votes 362
Isaac Davis of Worcester had thirty four Votes 34
Ira M Barton of Worcester had Eleven Votes 11

Whole number of Ballots for County Commissioner was Four hundred and thirty One 431
Zadoc A Tuft of Uxbridge had three hundred and Seventy seven Votes 377
Otis Adams of Grafton had Fifty three Votes 53
David Davenport Jr. of Mendon had One Vote 1

Whole number of Ballots cast for Representative to General Court was four hundred and forty six 446

Necessary to a Choice is two hundred & twenty four 224

Samuel C Flagg had three hundred and twenty votes 320 and is Chosen 320
Charles Brigham had Fifty four votes 54
Samuel B Doliver had thirty four votes 34
Lewis Holbrook had thirty seven votes 37
Jonathan R Putnam had One vote 1

Pursuant to Warning at two O Clock P M the Meeting was called to Order
And By Ballot Chose F Brimblecomb Moderator

Artide 2d Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen and said report is as follows

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have widened the road at the Bridge on the road between the House of Lewis Holbrook and Aurelius Crosby Beginning at a Black Cherry tree on the Easterly side of said road Six rods Southerly of the Center of the Brook which crosses the road on the Easterly side of the same and running north 36° 15' East twelve rods to a Stake and Stones and taking three and one half rods of Land belonging Widow Chase of Sutton And We have awarded the said Mrs Chase five dollars for Land and fencing to be paid by the Town of Grafton

Said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way

Grafton Oct 25th 1854 Benjamin W Fay, A Slocomb, H D P Bigelow } Selectmen of Grafton

Accepted by the Town Attest John B White Town Clerk

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved
Attest John B White Town Clerk

And after the returns were made out and sealed up the Town voted that the Annual November Meeting be dissolved

Attest John B White Town Clerk

The following is a list of Measurers of Wood & Bark Appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the year A D 1854

A H Wood.	Sworn	Charles Murry	Sworn
Lewis Moore		Wm A White	
George F Slocomb		Edwin Leland	
Wm L Lewis	Sworn	Charles H Davis	Sworn
Lewis H Bigelow	Sworn		

Measurers of Lumber

Noah Fletcher Calvin Clisbee

J A Buffum

Attest J B White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to met at the Town Halls in said Grafton on Monday the twelfth day of February next at One O Clock P M to act on the following articles to Wit

Art 1st To Choose A Moderator

2 nd To See if the Town will sell take down or remove or in any other way dispose of the two Old Barns on their Town farm and act thereon

3th To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Oppose the Petition of Joshua W Leland & Others for a New Town to be taken in part from Grafton and act thereon

4th To See what plan the Town will take to make the road passable over the Canal near the House of Joshua W Leland and act thereon

5 th To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to Effect the continuation of the Loan of Five thousand dollars from the State Treasurer from March 7 A D 1855 when the same becomes due and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town and at the Meeting House in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this thirty first day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Benjamin W Flay
Charles Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy

Attest John B White Constable of Grafton

At a legal meeting held at the Town Hall on Monday Febuary 12th A D 1855 Pursuant to Warning the following proceedings were had

Art 1st Chose Frederick Brimblecom Moderator

Art 2nd. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor dispose of the Old Barn as in their judgement will best suit the interests of the Town

Art 3 Voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to Oppose the Petition of Joshua W Leland & Others

Voted that this Committee be appointed by the Chair And the following persons were appointed viz Samuel C Flagg Benjamin Kingsbury & Charles B Jencks And the Town Voted to accept of this appointment

Art 4th Voted to Choose a Committee of three to see What could be done in regard to the filling up the Canal near the House of Joshua W Leland or what Settlement they could make with Mr Saunders in regard to the same & make a report at the Next Town Meeting

Oliver M Brigham Lewis Holbrook and
Levi Rawson Were Chosen as said Committee
Art 5 Voted that the Town instruct their Treasurer
to Effect the Continuation of this Loan of five thousand dollars
on demand of the State Treasurer
Voted to take up the third Article
And Voted that this Committee Appointed to Oppose the Petition
of Joshua W Leland be instructed to Employ William
Brigham to defend the Cause of the Town

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved
Attest John B White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton. on Monday the fifth day of March next. at nine Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles. to wit:

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2d To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
3d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing Year.
4th To hear the Report of the Select Men and act thereon.
5th To hear the Report of their Treasurer and act thereon.
6th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon.
7th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon.
8th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing Year
9th To raise such Sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Year ensuing and make appropriations of the same and act thereon.
10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetary and act thereon.
11th To hear the Report of the Trustees of River Side Cemetary and act thereon
12th To see what Discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntary pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such

periods of time as the Town shall direct and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasurer. and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

13th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead or act thereon.-

14th To see if the Town will authorize the several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their respective districts or act thereon,

15th To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at ~~Twelve~~ Oclock A. M. and nine Oclock P. M. or act thereon-

16th To See if the Town will continue its School Districts or act thereon-

17th To see if the Town will establish a High School. or act thereon

18th To see what compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the past and for the Year to come or act thereon.

19th To hear the Report of any outstanding Committees or act thereon-

20th To accept Town Debts.

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village. Farmums Ville and Saunders Village. to Stand one two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February. in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five-

Benj. W Fay
Chas Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Slocomb
H.D.P. Bigelow
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss.

March 5th A.D. 1855

I have Served this Warrant by posting up an attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as directed by said Warrant.-

Attest J B White Constable-

A True Copy Attest.

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Town Hall on Monday March fifth A.D. 1855 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had viz

Art. 1st By Ballot chose

Frederic Brimblecomb Moderator

Prayer. By Rev Thos C Biscoe

Voted to take up the 4th 5th & 6th Articles in the Warrant-

Art 4th Report of the Select Men of the Town of Grafton-

Voted to accept of their Report as printed. which is as follows-

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton-

The Select Men of the Town of Grafton at the completion of their Official duties for the Year

ending March 1st 1855 would submit the following Report of the condition of the Town. viz.

They have settled with H O P Bigelow Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct. and is as follows.—

Dr.—

To Amount in the hands of Treasurer and Collector		$ 3539. 01
" " of State County and Town Tax		12458. 76
" " Cash Rec'd. of S Dunsmore for support.		
" " of Polly Dunsmore		102.15
" " " Rec'd from State School Fund		179.28
" " " " for Interest on E Singletary note		60. 00
2⅛ per ct. on $ 593, 91. paid by the Collector on		12. 63
Taxes of 1853.		12 63
2 ⅞ per. ct on $ 11. 666, 21 paid by the Collector		306 28
on Taxes of 1854		306 28
Cash Rec'd for support of State Paupers		56 84
		$ 16,714.90

Cr.

By paying Town note to Worcester County		2000.00
Institution for Savings	$ 2000. 00	
" " Interest on Town notes	660 00	
" " State Lunatic Hospital for		
Support of Polly Dunsmore	102 15	
" " S. L. Hospital for Support of Louisa Wheelock	89 68	
" " " " " " Rufus Johnson	103. 17	
" " " " " " Sarah R White	28. 37	
" " Town of Milford for Support of Mrs		
J. A. Smith at S. La. Hospital.	81. 19	
" " State Tax for 1854	747 00	
" " County Tax for 1854	1512 45	
By paying Support of Common Schools in 1853	623,85	
" " " " " in 1854.	2180,08	
" " Gent School Committee for High School in 1853	152,50	
" " Assessors for Services in 1853	30 00	
" " Overseers of the Poor.	390. 00	
" " " " for Services in 1853.	24 00	
Assessors for Services in 1854	156.67	

By paying Apsepors for Books and Stationary &c		$18.96
" " Committee to build Barn on Town Farm		300 00
" " Apsepors for services in 1853		41 50
" " For breaking out Roads and Shoveling Snow in the Winter of 1853-54		81 18
" " H. Day for taking charge Town Hall. Fuel &c.		10 56
" " Sextons Bills		160.25
" " For Ringing Bell at 12 M and 9 P M 1½ Years		37 50
" " Town Clerk for recording and collecting Births Deaths & Marriages for 1853-54		129 35
" Jos. Bruce for paying sundry persons for services in defending the petition of Joshua W Leland and others		205 07
" " For Gates at Burying Ground.		8,00
" " Committee to build Tomb at Pine Grove Cemetery		265,08
" " Building Culvert at Rail Road.		182.90
" " Mowing Brush on Burying Ground		6.00
" " Printing Reports of Select Men Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor		14.00
" " Repairs to Bridges.		136.38
" " Building Bridge near Enoch Forbush's		162.50
" " " " E B Brooks		75.00
" " Guide Boards. Posts. Painting &c		18.99
" " Engine Men for services in 1853.		640.00
" " Printing School Report		21 03
" " Gent. School Committee for Services in 1853		180.86
" " Bill for Engine Hose.		261 04
" " " of Blackstone Engine Co 1853		5.05
" " " " Emperor " " "		25.30
" " " " Rescue " " "		18.00
" " Special Repairs to Roads		80.00
" " Chief Engineer of Fire Department.		50 00
Apsepors Order for abating Taxes. 1853		161.01
" " " " " 1854		216 99

Collector for Discount on Taxes	505 80
Sundry other Orders	47.55
	$ 12.947.56
Whole amount of Receipts	$ 16714, 90
" " Expenditures	12947 56
Balance in favor of the Town in hands of Treasurer and Collector	$ 3767,34

Resources of the Town

Amount in hands of Treasurer and Collector	$ 3,767,34
E. Singletarys Note	1000,00
Town Farm and Buildings Thereon	5600,00
Stock, Hay, Grain, Farming Utensils Household Furniture &c, as Valued by the Overseers of the Poor	2063 37
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures	3230 00
Three Engine Houses	2000 00
	$ 17,660,71

Liabilities of the Town

One Note to the State Treasurer, dated March 7th 1850, payable five years from date. Interest to be paid semi-annually. $ 5000,00

One Note to State Treasurer dated Nov. 16th 1852 payable in four years from date. interest to be paid semi-annually $ 4000,00

$ 9000,00

Whole Amount of Assets	$ 17,660,71
" " Liabilities	9000,00
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	$ 8,660,71

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.—

Benj W Fay
Chas Prentice
Stephen R White
Augustus Mocomb
H D P Bigelow

Select Men of Grafton

Grafton March 1st 1853

Oct 4th The Select Men made a Report on Guide Posts which was accepted as follows—

The undersigned. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to present their Report of all places at which Guide Posts are erected and maintained within said Town of Grafton. as follows—

At the corner of the Roads near Warren Block
At the corner of the Roads near the House of Jon[a] D Wheler
At the corner near the House of Samuel H Allen
At the corner near the House of William Wallace
At the corner of the Sutton and Northbridge roads a little south of the last named place.
At the corner near the House of Joseph Bruce.
At the corner near the House of William A Fiske
At the corner between the last named place and George Dunn's. At the corner a little north of the House of H. D Howard. At the corner near the Indian Burying Ground. At the corner near the Meeting House in Farnums Ville.
At the corner near the Store of Wright & Morse.
At the corner near the House of O T Smith.
At the corner near the House of Nelson Ferry
At the corner near the House of Austin Holbrook
at the corner near the Schoolhouse in Saunders Village. At the corner near
At the corner near the House of Otis Converse Place
At each of the corners between the Burying Ground and the House of Samuel Dispeau. At the Corner of the Providence and Westboro roads near the last named Place. At the corner near the Alms House. At the corner near the Meeting House in New England Village. At each of the corners near the House of Jasper W Putnam
At each of the corners Northerly of the House of James Houghton. At the corner near the House of Charles T Gay at the corner near the House of Nathan S Wheelock. At the corner near the House of T. R Axtell.

At the corner near the House of H. J. Pratt
At the corner near the House of Joseph Kimball
At the corner near the House of S. Carroll
At the corner near the House of Jefferson Bellows
At the corner near the House of Jonathan Sibley

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.
Grafton March 5th 1855.

Benj. W Fay
Chas Prentice
S R White
Augustus Slocomb
H D P Bigelow
} Select Men of Grafton

The foregoing are true copies of the Select Mens Reports: as accepted by the Town.
Attest
Jas W White. Town Clerk

Art. 5th Treasurers Report. Voted to accept the same as in Print. which is as follows.

Dr Town of Grafton in account with H D P. Bigelow. Treasurer

1854	March 6th	Paid Select Mens Order	No 1.	A Fowler	$ 41,50
	"	" " "	No 2	J. A. Buffum	112,50
	"	7 Interest on Town Note to State Treasurer			150,00
	"	8 Select Mens Order	No 3	Charles Brigham	4200
	"	" " "	No 4	Joseph Kimball	250,00
	"	10 " "	No 5	C. M. Pratt	200,00
	"	14 " "	No 6	O. M. Brigham	96,01
	"	15 " "	No 7	Royal Leland	98,36
	"	16 " "	8	Silas Forbush	5,37
	"	17 " "	9	Sam[t] Hall	50,00
	"	20 " "	10	Lewis Holbrook	41,50
	"	31 " "	11	A Fowler	181 98
April	1	" "	12	Joseph B Adams	8,87
	"	3 " "	13	Charles G Wood	11 37
	"	" " "	14	W D Wheler	25 00
	"	4 " "	15	Lewis Holbrook	10,50
	"	5 " "	16	Charles Brigham	60,00

April	8th	Paid	Select Mens Order No	17	Joseph Merriam	$15,00
"	"	"	"	18	Horace Day	10,56
"	10	"	"	19	J. B. White	45,10
"	17	"	"	20	Joseph Bruce	205,07
"	20	"	"	21	Seneca Congdon	16,43
"	24	"	"	22	E. R. Thompson	8,87
May	6th	"	"	23	Alfred Morse	7,31
"	8	"	"	24	Joseph H Whitney	5,37
"	13	"	"	25	J. W. Slocumb	640,00
"	16	Paying interest on Town Note to State Treasurer				120,00
"	22	Select Mens Order	No 26		to Wm F. Slocum	8086
"	31	Assessors Order	Henry Hall Tax	1853		1,50
"	"	"	"	Walter Fosshand "	1854	1,80
June	1	Paying Sundry bills	State Lunatic Hospital			152,24
"	10	Select Mens Order	No 27		S Brumblecom	21,03
"	17	"	"	28	Charles Brigham	40,00
"	21	"	"	29	C B Jenks	2625
"	24	"	"	30	Charles Goddard	12,00
"	30	"	"	31	Joseph B Adams	3850
July	3	"	"	32	S Dunsmore	189,00
"	5	"	"	33	Wm F Slocum	40 00
"	14	"	"	34	C M Pratt	190. 00
"	20.	"	"	35	J C Davis	44. 00
"	25	"	"	36.	David Jourdan	9.12
"	"	"	"	37	James Houghton	42,00
"	26	"	"	38	Calvin Wilson	42 00
Aug	5	"	"	39	S Brimblicom	65,00
"	18	"	"	40.	S. Hall	2625
"	25	"	"	41	A Fowler	130,00
"	"	"	"	42.	F Waterman	6248
"	28	"	"	43	C B Jenks	19.25
"	29	"	"	44	K. Hunt	63,75
"	31	Assessors Order	Abatement of Tax	1854		62,87
Sept	7th	Paid Interest on Note	State Treasurer	$5,000		150,00
"	16	Select Mens Order	No 45		Wm Prentice	57 05
"	"	"	"	46	Charles Prentice	75 00
	23	"	"	47	J R Axtell	67 00

Sept 25	Paid	Select mens Order	No 48	S G Congdon		$20.04
Oct 3.	"	"	"	49	Z Parker	12.50
" 23	"	"	"	50	Joseph H Whitney	22.22
" 26	"	"	"	51	J B Adams	38.00
" 28	"	"	"	52	J. C Davis	48 00
" 30	"	"	"	53	Henry Smith	275
"	"	"	"	54	W A Fisher & Co	5.05
"	"	"	"	55	Erastus Fisher	30.00
31	"	"	"	56	C M Pratt.	100.00
Nov 7	"	"	"	57	Charles Brigham	58.25
" 10	"	"	"	58	Sumner Dunsmore	300.00
" 14	"	"	"	59	J W Slocomb	50 00
	"	"	"	60	J B Adams	20.00
16	Paid interest on Note.	State Treasurer			$ 4,000	120.00
20	" Select Mens Order		No 61	Calvin Wilson		80 00
21	" "	"	"	62	Samuel Hall	14.00
	" "	"	"	63	Joseph H Whitney	112 50
	" "	"	"	64	J B White	67.38
23	"	"	"	65	C M Pratt	200.00
Dec 1st	Sundry bills.	State Lunatic Hospital				171.13
11.	Select Mens Order		No	66	S W Putnam	5.00
	"	"	"	67	J A Buffum	35.00
"	"	"		68	S R White	73.43
15	" State Tax for	1854				747.00
16	" Select Mens Order		No	69	B Kingsbury	18 00
30	Assessors Order abatement.	Tax	Earl Joslin			2.86
Jan 1-	1855 Paid	County Tax for	1854			1512 45
	" Select Mens Order		No	70	Sam'l Hall	12 25
"	"	"		71	Jos H Whitney	50 00
"	"	"		72	C M Pratt	30 00
"	"	"		73	C B Brooks	165 08
4	"	"		74	Charles Brigham	300.00
8	"	"		75	Harrington & Co	2530
"	"	"		76	Z. C. Lincoln	225
29	"	"		77	J R Axtell	13425
"	"	"		78	Chas Brigham	40.00
"	Assessors Order abating	Tax.	O. H. Wheelock.			7 72

Jan'y 29th 1855	Pd Afsefsors Order abating Tax	Little Mason	$	1,62
"	"	J. C Biscoe Trustee		4,03
Feb 1	Paid interest on Note	Worcester County Institution		129,07
"	Afsefsors Order to Mrs Wm A Sawyer.			1,62
" 10	Selectmens Order № 79.	Calvin Wefson		71 20
" 12	" " 80	Jos A Whitney		4 00
" 14	" " 81	C. B Jenks.		12,25
" 17	" " 82	S Dunsmore		187.20
" 20.	" " 83	H O P Bigelow		236 00
" 21	" " 84	J. C Davis		73.03
"	Town of Milford for support of Mrs James-Smith at State Lunatic Hospital			81.19
" 26	Paid Afsefsors order.	R. E. Warren over Tax		14,40
"	" Selectmens Order № 85	J. B. White		84,25
	Afsefsors Order Illegal Tax 1853			47 22
"	" " not collectable " .			1.10 79
"	" Smith & Pratt, 1854 not collectable			108.51
"	" Illegal. Tax 1854			11.36
27.	Selectmens Order № 86	F Waterman.		122.62
"	Town Note Wor. County Savings Institution			2000.00
"	Afsefsors Order B Newtons	Tax 1853		1,50
	Selectmens Order № 87	H O P Bigelow		515.80
28	" " 88	S F Redding		644
"	" " 89	Wm F Slocum		13,00
"	" " 90	S Harrington		1,05
"	" " 91	N. D. Wheeler		18.00
"	" " 92	G H Rice		300
"	" " 93	B W Fay		2825
Amt of Taxes uncollected in the Collectors hands		$ 792,55		
Amt of Cash on hand		2974.79 —		$ 3767.34
				$ 16.714,90

Cr. Town of Grafton in account with

1854 H O P Bigelow, Treasurer.

March 1st	By amount of Cash on hand	$	2788 05
"	" uncollected Taxes for 1853		750 96
June 24	Amount of Town Grant for 1854 -		10.000 00

June 24	Amount of State Tax for 1854	$747.00
"	" County Tax "	1,512 45
"	" Overlayings	199.31
July 10.	Cash Rec'd of S Dunsmore for Support of Polly Dunsmore.	48,75
"	Rec'd from State Treasurer from School fund	179,28
"	for support of State Paupers.	56,84
1855		
Feb. 26:	Cash Rec'd of S Dunsmore for Support of Mrs Polly Dunsmore. —	$53,40
"	27- 2 1/8 percent paid by the Collector on $593.91 collected on Tax 1853	12.63
"	2 5/8 percent paid by the Collector on $11,666.21 collected on Tax 1854	306.23
	Rec'd Interest on C Singletary's Note	60 00
		$16,71490

Balance Brot. down	
Amount of Taxes uncollected 1854	792 55
Cash on hand	2974 79
	$3767.34
Amount now subject to Draft for common Schools-	1039 82
	$2.727.52

All of which is respectfully submitted

H D P Bigelow — Treasurer

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Treasurers Report. as accepted by vote of the Town —

Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Art. 6. " Report of the Overseers of the Poor voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as presented in Print which is as follows. viz

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the Inhabit-ants of said town their Annual Report of

The Value and condition of their Pauper Establishment for the year ending March 1st 1855 as follows to Wit –

Property as appraised at Farm Feb 28 1855 –			$7153.00
9	tons of English Hay	$17.00	$153.00
2	" Meadow "	8.00	16 00
1	" Oat Straw	9.00	9 00
	Lot of Corn fodder	– –	7 00
110	Bushels of Corn at	$1.25	137 50
85	" Oats .	0,60	51 00
12	" Rye	1 50	18 00
16	" Barley	100	16 00
6	" Beans	2,50	15 00
100	" Potatoes	0,75	75 00
200	lbs Salt Pork	0,12½	25 00
70	" Beef	0,08	5 60
200	" Cheese	0.08	16 00
	Household Furniture		135 00
Carriages, farming tools, family groceries			27,27
	Real Estate		5.600.00
	Stock		
1	Horse		120. 00
4	Oxen		310 00
12	Cows		475 00
4	Heifers		108.01
1	Bull		20,00
4	Swine		66.00
	Poultry		8 00
	Total		$7,663.37

Interest on Real Estate	$336.00
Expense on the Farm in boarding.	
Clothing. Medical attendance &c.	$648.33
Agents Salary	287 50
Labor exclusive of Agents Salary on the Farm	173.19
" " in the House	77.50
Fees of Overseers.	40 00
Total Expense	$1562. 52

Amount of Produce Sold &c.	$ 113.18
" Due for support of State Paupers	61 20
Balance of Inventory above last Year	79 85
Improvements on the Farm	23.00
Total Amount of Credit	$ 128.1.83
Leaving a balance for supporting Paupers on the Farm.	$ 280.69

Whole number supported or assisted on Farm the past Year 18
" Number of weeks board 280
Averag cost per week $1.00

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the past Year
Paid for support of Sally Phillips $32.54
" " " Deborah Warren 36.00
" " " Lucian Stone 26.00
" " the last Leonard Arnolds Children 5.00
" " Mrs Ann Sullivan 12.50
" " J. M. Paine's family 13.87
" " Dexter S Gray's family 7.00
" " James B Starkeys family 3.00
" " Mrs Louisa L Sherman 17.00
" " Truman Blocket 1.00
For Support and conveying Francis Stanley to the Alms house at Monson 5.88
$ 154.79

Refunded by the Town of Hopkinton $6.00
Due from the Town of Paxton 3.00
Due from the State for conveying
Francis Stanley to the State Almshouse 4.70 $13.70
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm $146.09
Total expense of supporting Paupers the past Year on and off the Farm $426.78

Agreable to a Vote of said Town in March last, said Overseers have contracted for a Barn to be erected on said Town farm. which is

now in proces of building, and will probably be completed about the middle of June next. Said Barn is 40 feet by 80 with 18 feet posts, and to be made convenient for from 20 to 30 head of Cattle, and calculated to hold a sufficient quantity of hay for the same. Said Overseers having the two old Barns on the Farm left to their disposal, have concluded to remove one of them on to the north end of the new Barn yard there to be used for a Barn or a shelter for carriages, carts, farming tools &c &c. as is most needed, and to sell the other at public or private sale to the highest bidder. Said Overseers also report that said Town Farm is now in no better condition for agricultural purposes than it was when the Town first purchased it. Therefore they would recommend that the Farm be improved hereafter annually by removing large quantities of meadow mud or peat from the low lands to the barn cellar and yard, there to be manufactured into manure, and large quantities of earth or ground from the high-lands on to the low to improve the same for graſs, as the nature of the two soils is such that both may be very much improved by a mixture of the same. They would still further report that said farm should be managed and used for a Milk farm, making the proceeds of nearly all its sales to consist of Cash received each month for milk. And that they are firm in the belief that if a few hundred dollars were expended on the farm in extra labor for two or three years to come, it would hereafter be returned with a satisfactory per cent of Interest. Should the above named experiment be tried and prove a failure the farm had better be sold and a small one purchased for the accommodation

only of our native American paupers. as all foreigners are now provided for by law at the State Almshouses—

All of which is respectfully submitted—

Charles Brigham
Joseph Kimball
Sam'l B Doliver
} Overseers of the Poor of Grafton

Grafton March 1st 1853.

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Printed Report of the Overseers of the Poor as accepted by the Town

Attest. Jas W White Town Clerk

Took up the Second and third articles in the Warrant

Votes for County Treasurer. Anthony Chase of Worcester had Two hundred and twenty nine votes. 229 votes

By Ballot Chose Leander S Pratt Barnabas Newton Calvin Wilson. Calvin Elisbee. and Calvin S Thurston. for Select Men of the Town of Grafton. all of whom were Sworn before F. Brimblecom. Moderator.

" Chose James W White Town Clerk. who was Sworn before F Brimblecom Moderator—

A true Record Attest James W White Town Clerk

Voted to choose three Assessors.—

By Ballot Chose Benjamin Kingsbury
Sworn March 7th 53 B.O. Wingate
" " 12th F A Buffum
} Assessors of Grafton.

By Ballot Chose Augustus Slocomb for Treasurer for the Town of Grafton — who was Sworn before me March 6th 1853 Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Voted. to pass the third article for a time and take up the 12th article which is to see what discount the Town will make to those who shall voluntarely pay their Taxes to the collector within such perods of time as the town shall direct and determin the time when all Taxes shall be paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector

Voted. That we pay no premium for the prompt payment of Taxes this present Year.

Voted. That all Poll Taxes be paid within fifteen days after they are committed to the Collector. and that all Taxes be paid on or before the twenty fifth day of December

Voted To put the collecting of the Taxes up at Auction. the one offering to collect for the least. to be elected Collector.
They were accordingly put up at Auction. the lowest bid was one half percent and they were struck off at that to Benjamin W. Fay.

Voted That all money collected be paid into the Treasury on or before the twenty fifth day of December. and that all money collected after that. be paid into the Treasury once in seven days—

Voted To take up the third article—
By Ballot chose George F Slocomb Collector for the Town of Grafton. who was sworn before me March 6th 1855. Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Voted to Suspend action on the 3d Art. and take up the 12th Art.
Voted To pay the Collector one half percent for collecting Taxes.—

Voted to take up the 3d Art. —
By Ballot Chose A. W Rice. Calvin Clisbee and
Solomon Carroll. for Overseers of the Poor of Grafton

By Ballot chose Rev G. McIntire. Rev J. W. Brown
and P. G. Willard. for General School Committee

Voted to Choose Eight Constables. and that they
be all brought in on one Ballot. —
By Ballot Chose George F Slocomb. Sworn March 6th 1853 befor Town Clk
John B White
Henry B Fairbanks " March 7th by Town Clerk
George Cummings
Chas Moore
S. D Hall.
Jas W White Sworn before H D P Bigelow Esq March 6th/53
W. Forehand " March 12th before Town Clk
for constables of the Town of Grafton —

Voted. to choose thirteen Highway Surveyes
Voted to choose them by Ballot. —
1st By Ballot chose Freman M Marble. & Sworn Sept 7. 6
Voted to reconsider the vote to choose the High-
way Surveyes by Ballot — & Voted to choose them
by nomination —

		By nomination
Chose	Wm Hersey	Sworn March 10th before Town Clerk
	Wm F Wheeler	" " 7th " Town Clerk
	F McIntire	Excused by vote of the Town Ap'l 2
	John M Newton	Sworn. March 7 Town Clerk
	Otis Adams	Sworn. June 19th before Town Clerk
	J. B. Adland	" " 10th " "
	Nelson Perry	10th " "
	Wm J Barker	17
	Willis Works	" " 8th " "
	Wm Newton	
	Edward G Dennis	" April 30th "
	Saml W Putnam.	" 12th "

for Highway Surveyes for the Town of Grafton

By Ballot chose Leander S Pratt. Trustee for Riverside Cemetery.

Voted to have Six Field Drivers this year and to choose them by nomination—
Chose Martin Fassett. Alson
" Alson Cook Sworn March 12th Before Town Clerk
Levi Rawson
Barnabas Newton.
H. J Pratt.
J B White
for Field Drivers for the present year.

Voted to have a Pound Keeper this year and by nomination Chose H. H Putnam. for Pound keeper

Voted. to authorise the Select men to appoint measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyers of Lumber for the present year—

Voted to choose two measurers of Leather this year By nomination. Chose Lewis W Dodge. and John Whitney measurers of Leather. for this year

Voted that the Select men be Auditing Committee the present year—

Voted to choose three Fence Viewers this year. and by nomination Chose Abel S Hawes. Elijah B Brooks. and Calvin Weston Fence Viewers March 12th 1853 Calvin Weston Sworn before Town Clerk

Voted That the Select Men be Bridge Committee the present year—

Took up the 8th Art. which is in regard to repairing High ways &c. — Voted to persue the same course as last Year.

Took up the 9th Art. which is in regard to raising money and Voted to raise Eleven Thousand Dollars Money Tax. the present Year —

Voted To appropriate Five Thousand Dollars to pay the Debt due from the Town of Grafton to the State of Massachusetts —

Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars. Labor Tax. to be Expended upon High ways. —

Voted. To Appropriate Two hundred and forty Dollars to the Centre School District for High School and Eighty Dollars each to New England Village and Farnums Hill Districts for the same purpose

Voted to Appropriate the same Sum as last Year for Common Schools. after deducting the four hundred Dollars Appropriated for High Schools.

The Sum Appropriated last Year was three thousand Dollars besides what comes from the State and the Singletary Note —

Took up the 13th Art. and Voted to allow the Sextons the same as last Year for burying the Dead —

Took up the 14th Art. and Voted to allow the several Prudential Committee's to hire their School Teachers for their respective Districts and that they be required to teach five days and a half for a week —

Took up the 15th Art. and Voted that the Select Men cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. & at 9 Oclock P. M —

Took up the 16th Art and voted to continue the School Distiricts —

Took up the 18th Article in the Warrant and Voted that all Engine men who can produce a certificate from their Commanding Officer of having done duty the past year shall recieve a compensation of five Dollars for the same.

Voted That all Engine men who can procure a certificate from their Commanding Officer of having done duty as such and attended eight Monthly meetings of their Company unless prevented by Sickness. Shall be intitled to five Dollars compensation for the ensuing year

Voted to take up the Eleventh article in the Warrant The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery presented through their Treasurer the following Report to the Town. viz

Amount in the Treasury Feb 27th 1854	$63.48
" Recieved for Spots Sold	174.39
" " for Wood Sold	6.00
	$246.87
Expenditures for improvements	52.70
	$194.17

All of which is Respectfully submited

Lewis Holbrook Treasurer

Grafton March 5th 1855

A true Copy Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Voted to accept the foregoing Report —

Took up the 19th Art. The Committee Chosen at the last Town meeting held February 12th 1855 to see what could be done in regard to the filling up the Canal near the House of Joshua W Leland or what Settlement they could make

with Mr Saunders in regard to the same. made the following Report. viz.

The Committee of the Town to whom was refered the repairing of the Highway over the Canal by Joshua W Sellands. have attended to that duty and Report. That they have agreed with Mr Esek Saunders to build a good and Substantial Bridge across the Canal. twenty four feet wide. and keep the same in repair for the Safety of the travel over the same forever. for the sum of three hundred Dollars. to be paid by the Town. the Bridge is to be completed by the twentieth of June next. to the acceptance of the Town.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Oliver M Brigham
Lewis Holbrook
Levi Rawson
Esek Saunders

A True Copy.
Attst.

Jas M White. Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at two Oclock. P. M.

Attst

Jas M White Town Clerk

The following appointments were made by the Select men of the Town of Grafton pursuant to a vote of said Town passed March fifth 1855 viz

For Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Augustus Slocomb
Willard D Wheeler. Sworn before J. C
Rufus C Warren
Gilbert C Taft
Samt Harrington
Charles B Jenks
Lewis Bigelow Sworn
Tho A Buffum
L S Pratt
Benj. Kingsbury

For Surveyers of Lumber ——

Noah Fletcher
Wm T Leisure. Sworn July 10th Before Town Clerk
Calvin Clisbee

Attest

Jas W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that I George F Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal. and Augustus Slocomb and Lowell White of said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of Town of Grafton aforesaid. in the full and just Sum of five Hundred Dollars. to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their successors or assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our heirs. executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and Seals. Dated this twenty Sixth day of March AD. One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty five...

The Condition of this Obligation is such, that Whereas at the Annual Meeting of said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the fifth day of March, in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty five, the said George F Slocomb was duly elected as Constable of said Grafton for the year ensuing --
Now if the said George F Slocomb, shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil process which may be committed to him as such Constable, then this Obligation shall be void, Otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
R F Knowlton.

George F Slocomb L.S.
A Slocomb L.S.
Lowell White L.S.

We have examined the within bond and consider the sum and sureties therein sufficient and hereby approve the same

L. S. Pratt
Barnabas Newton
C. S Thurston
Calvin Wilson
} Selectmen of Grafton

The above Bond was Recd and filed in the Town Clerks Office the twenty sixth Day of March A.D. 1855 Attest

Jas M White Town Clerk

Monday April 2d A D 1855

Pursuant to adjournment from March fifth the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton met at two Oclock P.M. and the following business was transacted viz

1st The Moderator not being present. By Ballot chose Samuel Brimble com Moderator Protem

Records of the last meeting were read by the T. Clerk

Voted to make the Highway Surveyers. Collectors of Highway Taxes the present year—

Took up the third Art in the Warrant and By Ballot Chose. Charles Brigham Assessor in the place of Benjamin Kingsbury who declined serving and was by vote Excused.

By nomination Chose Calvin Patric Highway Surveyer and collector of Highway Taxes in the place of F McIntire. who declined serving and was excused by vote. Calvin Patrice Sworn April 6th bfor me Jas W White Town Clerk

Chose Rufus Prentice Highway Surveyer and collector of Highway Taxes in the place of Wm F Wheeler who declined serving and was by vote Excused— Rufus Prentice Sworn April 6 bfor Town Clerk

By nomination Chose Daniel Lincoln Field Driver for the present year— . Sworn May 1st Bfor Town Clerk

By nomination Chose Wm S Wood Pound Keeper for the Centre of the Town the present year—

By nomination Chose Nathan Hancock. Sealer of Weights and Measures for the present year, . Sworn Apl 4th 56

Took up the 10th Art. in the Warrant.

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery made their annual Report as follows—

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery present the following as their Report for the past year —

By the liberality of the Town a suitable Tomb has been built during the past year at an expence of $265,08. The number of Burials has been twenty three. The balance due on Act. April 1st 1854 was $74,87

Due for Lots sold since 63,94

Total Amt now Due $138,81

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

A. F. Smith Chairman

Grafton April 2d 1855

A True Copy Attest Jas W Whites Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report —

Voted to pass over the 20th Art in the Warrant —

Voted that the General School Committee make their Report to the Select men —

The Committee to build a Tomb in Pine Grove Cemetery. made the following Report.

The Committee chosen by the Town at their adjourned meeting in April to build or cause to be built, a Tomb to be located in Pine Grove Cemetery during the past Year. have attended to that duty and they give You the following Statement of their doings

The Tomb is built of Stones. The dimensions are 18 feet in Length 8 feet in Width inside. The average height is about 7¼ feet. the Side walls are from two. to three feet thick laid in Lime Morter. The bottom is covered with good flaging Stones laid in Cement. the Arch is turned mostly with good Split Stones prepared for the work — the average thickness of the Arch is about 2 feet, the out side of the Arch is first covered with Clay morter after which it is mostly covered with Cement. intending to render it Water tight,

The whole front is built of hammered Stones laid in cement. The Door is cast Iron and weighs 410 lbs. The inside of the Tomb is in very part well pointed with Lime Mortar. The whole work was done by the day under the constant direction and supervision of some one of your Committee and as we believe done in a thorough workmanlike manner to the turning of the Key at an Expense of two hundred Sixty five Dollars and eight cents as per Bills rendered to your late honorable Board of Select Men

Dated Grafton April 28 1853 Signed

C M Pratt
A F Smith
E B Brooks

A true Copy Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report —

The Committee chosen March 6th 1854 to consider the Subject of Repairing the Cemetery at Farnumsville made the following Report, Viz The Committee to whom was refered the Articles in the Warrant of last year having refurence to the Burial ground and the procureing a Hearse for the South part of the Town. Submit the following Report

The Committee have delayed making a Report for the reason that a division of the Town was agitated. supposing that until that question was Settled. the Town would be cautious in making improvements in that part that was within the limits of the contemplated new Town. It being now generally understood that at present there will be no such Town as Chapin. there is no reason for any farther delay. Therefor your Committee recommend that the Burial Ground in Farnumsville be repaired in the following manner —

By newsetting the walls on the South and West Sides and making them thicker and higher. and that the wall on the north and East sides be taken for that purpose. on the East side or next the Road that there Should be built a high picket fence and on the north side a board fence six or eight feet high. Some little repairs Should be done in the Yard. such as removing the brush &c—

Your Committee are of the Opinion that there ought to be a Hearse for the South part of the Town and a Hearse House for the same— By not having one that part of the Town has been Subjected to great inconvenience and have not always been able to get a Hearse from Town when applied for

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton April 2d 1855

Alfred Morse } Committee
Levi Rawson }

A true Copy Attest. Jas W White Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report and that the Same Committee be authorised to carry this Recommendations into effect—

Voted to dispolve this meeting—

Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirtieth day of April Current at three Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2d To choose an Assessor to fill the vacancy occasioned by Charles Brigham's declineing to serve—

3d To see if the Town will buy or hire a Lot of Land in the Center District and remove their Engine House upon it or act in any way or manner in order to carry the same into effect as petitioned for by Jo. G Putnam and Others.

4th To see what action if any the Town will take in regard to the Chimney in their Town Hall—

5th To see what compensation the Town will allow their Assessors for their services the present year.

6th To fill any vacancy that may be in any of the Town Offices—

7th To hear the Report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meetinghouses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village, to stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five.—

L S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

April 30th A.D. 1855 I have served this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the Meeting Houses as therein directed—

Attest.

Jas W White. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy—

Attest

Jas W White Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. held in the Town Hall on Monday April thirtieth pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had. viz—

art 1st By Ballot chose R L Wetherby Moderator—

art. 2d By Ballot chose Nathan Hancock Assessor—

art 3d. Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant

4th Voted to pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant

5th Voted to reconsider the vote to pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant.—

6th Voted that the subject be left with the Select Men—

7th Voted to allow the Assessors what the Law allows them

8th Voted to pass over the Sixth and Seventh Articles in the Warrant—

9th Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest

Jas W White Town Clerk

Nathan Hancock Sworn as assessor May 2d 1855 before me

Jas W White Town Clerk

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The Select Men of the Town of Grafton at a Meeting appointed Chas A Pierce an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to sell the same within for and on account of said Town to be used in the arts or for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no other for one Year from May 9th 1855 to May 9th 1856 unless sooner removed from said Agency. Now if the said Chas A Pierce shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to such Rules and Regulations as now are, or shall from time to time be established by the Board of Selectmen making the appointment, then this appointment to remain in force. Otherwise to be void—

The place for the sale of Liquors to be in the Post Office Building. The first Building west of the Green Store so called—

Grafton May 9th 1855

L. S. Pratt
Calvin Wesson
Calvin Thurston
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy Attest

Jas W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Wednesday the twenty third day of May current, at three Oclock P.M. to transact the following business, viz —

1st To bring in their votes to the Select Men, for, or against the adoption of the six articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as agreed to by the last and present General Courts, and published in the manner required by the Constitution

Art. 1st Having reference to the Election of all Civil Officers by a plurality of Votes —

Art. 2nd " to the time of Choosing Governor Lieutenant Governor

Art 3d " to the Choise of Eight Councilors by the People —

Art. 4th " to the Choise of Secretary — Treasurer and Receiver General — Auditor and Attorney General by the people

Art 5th " to the Raising and Expending Money for public Schools

Art 6th " to the Election of Sheriffs — Registers of Probate — Commissioners of Insolvency, and Clerks of the Courts and District Attorneys by the people — —

And You are also Required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on the said twenty third day of May at four Oclock P.M. to act on the following Articles to wit, —

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —

2d To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen near Waterville School House as petitioned for by Joseph Whitney and others —

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in the Center of said Town (one

and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village. Farnumsville, and Saundersville to Stand ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our hands this Eighth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five

L. S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Wilson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS.

May 23d 1855

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Meeting houses as therein directed —

Attest Jas W White. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant & Return —

Attest Jas W White Town Clerk —

At a Leegal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for Senators and Represent=atives in General Court, holden in the Town Hall, May 23d 1855 for the purpose of voting for or against the Six articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as agreed to by the last and present General Courts and published in the manner required by the Constitution, and Submitted to the people for their approval or rejection by a Resolves of the General Court. The Town having voted thereon in the manner prescribed. The whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by law and said resolves provided and were as follows

Art. 1st	Yes. Sixty nine	69
" "	No. Fifteen	15

Art. 2d Yes	Seventy four	74
" " No.	One	1
Art. 3d Yes	Seventy two	72
" " No.	Three	3
Art. 4th Yes	Seventy two.	72
" " No	Three	3
Art. 5th Yes	Seventy four	74
" " No	One	1
Art 6th Yes	Sixty two	62
" " No.	Fourteen	14

Return of the foregoing Vote having been made out and sealed up in open Town meeting as the Law requires the Meeting was by vote dispowed —
A True Record. ~~Attest~~ Jas W White Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs holden in the Town Hall May 23d 1853 at 4 Oclock P.M. the following proceedings were had viz
Art 1st By Ballot Chose L. S. Pratt Moderator —
Took up the 2d article in the Warrant. and the Select Men. made the following Report of their doings in Layingout a Road near Waterville Schoolhouse —

We the Subscribers. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. have laid out for the use of said Town. a Town way as follows —
Beginning at the Northeast corner of the School Lot belonging to Schooldistrict No 11 and running South 34° 45' East Ten Rods. to the Road leading from New England Village to Westboro. the Road laying to the North of said line and being two rods wide through Land of Joseph H Whitney. and said Whitney claims no damage and none is allowed which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance. and when accepted and

over

Recorded is forever after to be known as a Public Town way

Dated at Grafton this Nineteenth day of May in the year 1855.

L. S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin S Thurston
} Select men of Grafton

A True Copy Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

On Motion of E.B. Bigelow. Voted to accept of the Road as laid out by the Select men and that the Select men be a Committee to build the same ——

Voted to dispolve this meeting ———

A True Record Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

To the Clerk of the Town of Grafton

This is to certify that all the Lands and personal Property of the Several Nonresidents named below that are Assessed in said Town of Grafton to the Several proprietors. Shall be considered belonging to and Liable to be Taxed in the Several School Districts as follows to wit

In District No One

Benjamin A Jourdan of Upton

In District No Three

Arby T Wood of Upton

Given under our hands this Twenty first day of June A. D. 1855.

Nathan Hancock
D B Wingate
T A Russum
} Assessors of Grafton

A True Copy

Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 9th 1853

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a meeting had this day. have appointed the following persons to be Weighers of Anthracite. Bituminous or Mineral Coal. in accordance with the provisions of "an Act regulating the Sale of the same passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts and approved by the Governor April 14th 1853 viz

Calvin Wilson
Robert Mory sworn
W Faulkner

Attest

Jas W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet, at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen. for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor. Secretary. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor of accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing. Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

Over

Boston

And also to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next --

The Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators will all be received on one ballot, and for Secretary. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor of Accounts. Attorney General. County Commissioner County Treasurer. Register of Deeds and Representative to the General Court. each on seperate ballots. each ballot to specify the Office Voted for. The Polls will be opened to receive the votes for the above Officers at Ten o'clock in the forenoon on said Day --

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village. Farnumsville and Saunders Village. ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -- Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five

L S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Wilson
Calvin S Thurston
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Nov 6th 1855

I have served this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed

Attest

Jas M White Constable of Grafton

Grafton November 6th 1855

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton this day. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. and the following proceedings were had viz. The Selectmen appointed Elijah Kimball Ethan R Thompson and Henry H Messenger to distribute Envelopes. who were Severally Sworn to the faithful discharge of that duty before me Jas W White Town Clerk—
At ten Oclock A.M. the Polls were Opened to receive the Votes for the Several Officers enumerated in the Warrant— and at a quarter past three Oclock P.M. they were Closed and the result of the Balloting was found to be as follows— viz

Whole number of Votes for Governor was.
five hundred and Sixty four. 564

Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield had five hundred & twenty four Votes 524
Henry J Gardner of Boston had One hundred & ninety Six votes 196
Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had One hundred & Seven Votes 107
Samuel H Walley of Roxbury had thirty Seven Votes 37

Whole Number of votes for Lieuten ant-Governor Five hundred & Sixty Six. 566

Simon Brown of Concord had two hundred & twenty five votes 225
Henry W Benchley of Worcester had One hundred & ninety Eight votes 198
Moses Davenport of Newbury port had Fifty Votes 50
Caleb Stetson of Braintree had Ninety three votes 93

Whole Number of Votes for Secretary was Five hundred and Sixty 560

George S Williams of Boston had two hundred and twenty two Votes 222
Francis De Witt of Ware had one hundred and ninety Six votes 196
Jonathan C Field of Stockbridge had Ninety four Votes. 94
Wendal S Davis of Greenfield had forty Eight votes 48

Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General. five hundred & fifty One 551

Thomas J Marsh of Waltham had two hundred & Twenty two votes 222
Moses Jenny Jr of Georgetown had One hundred & ninety Six votes 196

Stedman Buttrick of Concord had ninety four votes 94
John Sargent of Cambridge had forty nine votes 49
Whole number of votes for Auditor
of accounts was Five hundred and fifty 550
Stephen A Gifford of Duxbury had two hundred & twenty two votes 222
Chandler R Ransom of Roxbury had one hundred & ninety six votes 196
Giles H Whitney of Winchendon had ninety four votes 94
Joseph Mitchell of Boston had forty Eight votes 48
Whole Number of votes for Attorney
General was Five hundred & Seventy Eight 578
E Rockwood Hoar of Concord had two hundred & twenty four votes 224
Albert H Nelson of Woburn had one hundred & ninety Eight votes 198
Nathan J Lord of Salem had One hundred & seven votes 107
Reuben A Chapman of Springfield had forty nine votes 49
Whole Number of votes for Senators was
Five Hundred & Seventy nine. 579
Francis H Dewey of Worcester had two hundred & twenty five votes 225
Artemas Lee of Templeton had two hundred & twenty five votes 225
Delorous Taft of Upton had two hundred & twenty five votes 225
Salem Towne of Charleston had two hundred & twenty five votes 225
Jabez Fisher of Fitchburg had two hundred & twenty one votes 221

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Edward Denny of Barre had One hundred & ninety six votes 196
Charles L Putnam of Worcester had One hundred & ninety Six votes 196
Wilder S Thurston of Lancaster had one hundred & ninety six votes 196
Frederick Parker of Templeton had one hundred & ninety six votes 196
L G. Boynton of Uxbridge had One hundred & ninety Six votes 196

J S C. Thrasher of Worcester had One hundred & fifty Eight votes 158
Nathaniel Wood of Fitchburg had One hundred & fifty six votes 156
George A Vinton of Southbridge had one hundred & fifty Six votes 156
John G Thurston of Lancaster had one hundred & fifty Eight votes 158
Alvin Cook of Uxbridge had one hundred & fifty six votes 156
Whole Number of votes for County Treasurer
was Five hundred & Sixty Seven 567
Anthony Chase of Worcester had two hundred & thirty three votes 233
Parley Hammond of Worcester had One hundred & ninety four votes 194
John A Dana of Worcester had One hundred & forty votes 140

Whole Number of Votes for Register of Deeds
was Five hundred and Sixty Six 566
Alexander H Wilder of Worcester had Five hundred & Sixty Six Votes 566
Whole Number of Votes for
County Commissioner was Five hundred & Seventy Six 576
Asaph Wood of Gardner had two hundred & twenty one Votes 221
Cyrus Thurston of Fitchburg had One hundred & ninety eight Votes 198
William Bennett Jr of Hubbardston had One hundred & fifty five Votes 155
Amory Holman of Boltyn had two votes 2
Whole number of Votes for Represent-
-ative to Represent the Town of Grafton in the General
Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday
of January next. was Five hundred & forty six 546
Charles Prentice had Eleven Votes 11
Samuel B Dolive had Ninety Votes 90
Barnabas Newton had two hundred & Seven Votes 207
Chandler M Pratt had two hundred & Thirty eight Votes 238
and was Elected —

The foregoing Votes having been recorded
and proclaimed and certificates of the same
having been made out Signed and Sealed
up in Open Town Meeting as the Law directs
On Motion it was Voted "That this Meeting be
dissolved ——— A True Record-
Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 6th 1855
I hereby Certify that I have this day Served upon
Chandler M Pratt A Notice and Certificate
of his Election as Representative from the
Town of Grafton to the General Court to be
holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of
January next Signed by the Selectmen of
the said Town of Grafton - and delivered a
Copy of the same with my doings thereon
into his hands — Attest. Jas W White Constable of Grafton
A True Copy Jas W White - Town Clerk

We the Subscribers duly appointed to perambulate the line between Worcester and Grafton met this day at a Stone Monument at the Northwesterly corner of Grafton and the South Eastwardly corner of Worcester. and in Land of S Jennison Esq. and proseeded from thence in a Southwardly direction upon the said line to anothed Stone Monument, the said two Monuments being all which were found by us upon said line which we found in good condition —

Worcester. Nov. 9th AD 1855

Benj. Flagg
Geo A. Chamberlain } of Worcester

Leander S Pratt
Calvin S Thurston } Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Attest Jas W White Town Clerk —

Agreable to notice from the Select Men of the Town of Grafton. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Upton and Grafton met at the Stone Monument which is a corner of Grafton Upton & Northbridge for the purpose of perambulating the boundry line between the aforesaid Towns and have attended to that duty by examining the Monuments at all the angles, (except the one at the corner of Reuben Woods. Mrs Leggs & Wm Knowltons & Belcrows Gafts Meadow, which was under Water). There are Six Monuments and we find them in good condition. in Witness whereof we have this day Signed duplicates —

Nov 21st. 1855.

Arba S Wood
Elisha Fisk } Selectmen of Upton

Barnabas Newton
Calvin S Thurston } Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Attest Jas W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the 25th day of February Inst. at One Oclock P. M. to act on the following Articles. to wit.

1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

2d To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Oppose the Petition of Abraham Chase and Others for a new Town to be taken in part from Grafton or act thereon —

3d To hear the Report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon —

4th To accept Town Debts —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Publick Meeting houses in the centre of Said Town. and at the Meeting houses in New England Village Farnums Ville. and Saunders Village to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our hands this Fifteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six

L S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin S Thurston
} Select Men of Grafton

(over)

Worcester ss.

Feb 25 1856 I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof as therein directed

James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy. Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton February 25th 1856

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held this day in the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had. to wit

Art 1st By Ballot Chose Barnabas Newton Moderator

Art 2 John W Slocomb presented in writing the following "Motion to raise a Committee of five to Oppose the Petition of Abraham Chase and others to be set off from Grafton". Said Committee to be Chosen by Ballot and to chose their own Chairman". The Motion was immediately put — and declared to be a Vote by the Moderator without giving "those Opposed" any chance to Vote against it. The Vote was immediately doubted and a motion made by Joseph Bruce to call the Yea's and Nay's on the question of raising the Committee. which motion after considerable confusion was lost by "dividing the house" which stood 133 for. & 141 against —

Mr John McLellan attempted to Speak in behalf of the Petitioners but was declared "Out of Order" by the Moderator. An Appeal from said decision was taken and the Town Voted that Mr McLellan be allowed to Speak" When Mr McLellan had concluded his remarks. The Motion was withdrawn by the moover and the following Offered as a Substitute — A Sup

motioned to raise a Committee of five to oppose the Petition of Abraham Chase and others to be set off from Grafton. to form part of a new Town.

The Town then voted to choose said Committee. the vote stood for choosing One hundred and Seventy two. and seventy nine against it ——

On motion voted that the Committee be nominated by the Chair. the Chair then nominated. C. M. Pratt, Luke Leland Sam'l C Flagg. John Whitney & John W— Slocomb. and they were by vote chosen said Committee —

voted that this Committee be empowered to fill vacancies ——

voted that the Committee employ Wm Brigham Esq as counsel if necessary and if he cannot attend to it that they employ whom they choose

voted to pass over the third art.—

voted to pass over the fourth art—

voted to dissolve this meeting—

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday March third day at nine Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles—to wit;

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—

2d To Chose all necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing—

3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

4th To hear the Report of their Treasurer and act thereon.

5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon.

6th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon.

7th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

8th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Year ensuing and make Appropriations of the same and act thereon—

9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of the River side Cemetery and act thereon—

10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon—

11th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall

Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such Periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid to the Treasurer and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon —

12th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead and act thereon — —

13th To See if the Town will continue its School District System and act thereon —

14th To See if the Town will authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts and act thereon —

15th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M and 9 Oclock P. M. and act Thereon — —

16th To See if the Town will Establish a High School or act thereon —

17th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the Year Ensuing and act Thereon.

18th To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon —

19th To accept Town Debts —

20th To hear the Report of the Collector and act thereon

21st To See if the Town will accept a List of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box and act thereon

(over)

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of Said Town and at the Meeting-Houses in New England billage Farnumsville and Saundersbillage to Stand over two Sundays at least byore the time of holding Said meeting. Herof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our Hands this Twentieth day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Six

L S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Wilson
Calvin S Thurston
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS

March 3d AD 1856

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at Each of the Public Meetinghouses as therein directed

Attest James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held in the Town Hall on Monday March the third day 1856 the following proceedings were had, to wit.

Art. 1st. By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Esq. Moderator

Prayer by Rev. Mr Smith.

Art 2. Voted that the votes for Town Clerk and Selectmen be brought in on One Ballot.

" Voted to choose five Selectmen the present year.

By Ballot chose James W White Town Clerk for the year ensuing who was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office by the Moderator and immediately entered upon the same.

A True Record Attest. James W White Town Clerk

By Ballot Chose for Selectmen the ensuing year

L S Pratt Sworn by Moderator March 3

Luke F Allen Sworn by Moderator March 3

J. A Buffum Sworn by Town Clerk March 4

L N Leland Sworn by Moderator March 3

R L Wetherby Sworn by Town Clerk March 3

Voted to have three Assessors the present year and that the three names be brought in on one Ballot. — By Ballot Chose

Nathan Hancock Sworn March 4 By Town Clerk

Gilbert C Taft. Sworn March 4th by Town Clerk

J. H. Wood Sworn March 4th by Town Clerk

Assessors for the present year.

Voted to take up the third article in the Warrant which is "to hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon." The Selectmen by their Chairman L S Pratt presented their Report in Print which was accepted by the Town and is as follows

(over)

Selectmens Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton—

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the completion of their Official duties for the year ending March 1st 1856. would Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town viz —

They have Settled with Augustus Slocomb Treasurer of Said Town and find his account correct and is as follows

Dr

To Amt. in hands of Treasurer	$ 2974.79
Cash Rec'd from State School Fund	188.70
" " " H D P Bigelow Collector	442 18
" " from State for Support of Paupers	59 70
" " " James W White	28 37
" " from State Treasurer for Acct. of Military	360 00
" " of Geo. F Slocomb Collector for State County and Town Taxes	13693 81
	$ 17747.55

Cr.

By Paying Two Thousand Dollars on Note to State Treasurer	2000. 00
" " Interest on Town Note	540 00
" " " on Selectmens Note	118 50
" " State Tax for 1853	1120 50
" " County Tax for 1855	1512 45
" " Support for Common Schools for 1854	1039 82
" " " " " 1855	2639 74
" " General School Committee for High School for 1853	240 00
" " for Books Stationary &C	14,51
" " Assessors for Services in 1853	167. 65
" " for Printing Report of Selectmen Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor	20,23
" " L W Dodge for Cement in 1854	1 50
" " for Ringing Bell up to April 1st 1853	12,50
" " Taking care of Town Hall &C.	1 50

up

By Paying for Printing School Reports			17.00
"	for drawing Engine to and from fire at L N Belands		16,00
" "	Chief Engineer for	1854.	50,00
" "	" "	1855	50,00
" "	bill for Engine Hose		532,80
"	Samuel C Flagg and others for defraying Expences in Opposing petition of J W Leland and Others—		175,35
" "	Engine Company	No 1	170.00
	"	" No 2	153 00
	"	" No 3	150 00
" "	State Lunatic Hospital Bill for Support of Susan L Wheelock		116,42
" "	for Support of	Rufus A Johnson	118.50
" "	" "	of Polly Gray	25,42
" "	" "	of Polly Dunsmore	6,39
" "	" "	Mrs J A Smith	59.61
" "	for Repairing Chimney in Town Hall		40,00
" "	Special Repairs on Roads		70,00
"	building Arch Bridge near Sam'l Dispaus		150 00
" "	" Stone Bridge and raising road near L Holbrooks		100,00
" "	Esek Saunders for building Bridge		300,00
" "	for Taking State census for	1855	84 00
" "	the Committee on Cemetery at Farnumsville		100,00
" "	Land damages to Administrator on the estate of Mary Chase		5,00
" "	Building and fencing road near Waterville Schoolhouse—		30,00
" "	for Printing Blanks		7.50
" "	Town Clerks Bill		89,11
" "	G F Slocomb for notifying Town Officers		10 00
" "	" "	" for Collecting Taxes 1/2 p.c.	68 47
" "	Overseers of the Poor for Services		40,00
" "	" "	for Expenses for 1854 & 1855	156,32
" "	for furniture in the Town Clerks Office		36,17
" "	" Repairs on Bridges		27 98

over

By Paying S R Whites Bill	$1,75
" " C.C. Wood for Surveying Road	8,25
" " for breaking out Roads & Shoveling Snow in 1854	23,56
" " Committee on building Barn	1350,00
" " Sextons Bills	75,25
" " General School Committees for 1854	172 00
" " Assessors abatement on ord Tax	52,86
" " " " on illegal Tax	48 72
" " Order on abatement Tax	12,44
" " Military Company	33 00
	$1587 77

Whole amount of Receipts	$17.747. 55
Whole Amount of Expenditures	$1587.77
	$ 1854.78

Resources of the Town.

Am't in hands of Treasurer	$ 1854,78
" " " H D P Bigelow	350 37
" " Geo F Slocomb	69,39
" Singletary Note	1000,00
Town Farm & Buildings thereon	7321,00
Stock of Hay Grain & Farming utensils	
Household furniture &c	2415 78
Three Fire Engines & fixtures	350 00
Three Engine Houses	2000,00
	$ 18511.32

Liabilities of the Town

One Note to State Treasurer dated March 7th 1850	$3000,00
One Note to State Treasurer dated Nov. 15th 1852 payable in four years from date	$ 4000,00
	$ 7000,00

Whole Amt of Assets	$18511,32
" " Liabilities	7000,00
Bal of assets over Liabilities	$ 11511. 32

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

L S Pratt
Barnabas Newton
Calvin Wilson
Calvin Clisbee
Calvin S Thurston
Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 1st 1856

The foregoing is a true copy of the printed Report of the Selectmen as accepted by the Town Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the second article in the Warrant & voted to proceed in the choise of Town officers. On Motion voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor the presens year.
Voted that the three names be brought in on one Ballot for Overseers of the Poor.
By Ballot chose.

Ashley W Rice, accepted March 4th 1856
Hiram Fernald Accepted March 4th 1856
Jonathan B Sibley Accepted March 4th 1856

for Overseers of the Poor
voted to have three as General School committee.
voted to bring in the three names on one Ballot.—
By Ballot chose

Rev Farrington McIntire accepted March 4th 1856
W. F. Wheeler Esq
Rev Joseph Smith accepted March 4th 1856
for General School Committee.

By Ballot chose Augustus Slocomb for Treasurer for the ensuing year. he was duely sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. March 10th 1856 before me.
James W White Town Clerk

Voted to choose Seven Constables the presen year. voted to choose them by Nomination
Chose George F Slocomb Sworn March 3. before me Jas W White Town Clk
James W White Sworn by Moderator March 3.
Henry B Fairbanks Sworn March 3 By Town Clerk
Willard D Wheeler Sworn March 4th 1856 By Town Clerk

Constables. Ezra Churchell Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
A W Rice Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Nelson Curry Sworn March 7th By Town Clerk

Voted to have the same number of Highway Surveyors as last Year (13) and by Nomination Chose

Highway Surveyors

Lawson Munyan Sworn April 7th By Town Clerk
Wm G Wheeler Sworn April 5th By Town Clerk
Charles Brigham Sworn March 8th By Town Clerk
F. H. Merriam Declines
Joseph Merriam Jr Declines
Joseph Willard Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Erastus Fisher Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Joseph H Whitney Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Jefferson Bellows Declines
Benjamin Heywood Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Edward G Dennis Sworn March 5th By Town Clerk
Edmund Wheeler Declines
Silas Brinton Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk

Voted ~~not~~ to choose Sything men the present Year
Voted to have ten Field drivers the present Year. and by nomination chose.

Andrew H Adams Sworn March 18th By Town Clerk
Calvin Forbush Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Charles Goddard Jr Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Harvey J Pratt Declined March 5th
Calvin N Holden Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Abel L Hawes Declined March 4th
Ezra Churchell Declined March 4th
Joshua W Harrington Declined March 4th
Samuel H Hosmer Sworn March 14th By Town Clerk
Benjamin Aldrich Declined March 4th
as Field Drivers.

Voted to have three Fenceviewers the present Year

(in pt)

By nomination chose J. B Adams Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Benj. Aldrich Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
Henry G Wing Sworn March 4th By Town Clerk
as Fence Viewers.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint Surveyers of Lumber. Measurers of Wood and Bark. Sealers of Leather & Sealers of Weights and Measures —

Voted to choose a Trustee for Riverside Cemetery in place of Lewis Holbrook whos term of Office has Expired. By Ballot chose Lewis Holbrook. said Trustee. (unanimously)

Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee the present year —

Voted to pass the Second article for the present

Voted to take up the twenty first article in the Warrant which relates to a "list of names" prepared by the Selectmen for the Jury Box — the List was presented but not Read. and on Motion it was Voted to Recommit the List of names to the Selectmen with instructions that the name of no person be put upon it who is not liable to be drawn the present year —

Voted to take up the fourth article in the Warrant which is "to hear the Report of their Treasurer and act thereon" The Treasurers Report being Printed with the Selectmens. it was Voted to accept the Report as Printed which is as follows —

Treasurers Report.

Dr Town of Grafton in account
with Augustus Slocomb Treasurer

(over)

1855. March 1st	To paying Selectmens Order	No 1	Chas Prentice		$286,20
March 3	" " "	" 2	C C Wood		1,25
" "	" " "	" 3	Wm Prentice		112,00
" 5	" " "	" 4	J B Adams		108,00
" "	" " "	" 5	Adolphus Fowler		191,52
" 7	Interest on note of $5000,00 for Six Months to State Treasurer				150,00
" 10	Selectmens Order	No 6	James Houghton		135,10
" 12	" "	" 7	K. Hunt		133,47
April 2	" "	" 8	L & I Pratt		20,23
" "	" "	" 9	J Reardon		5,24
" 3	" "	" 10	L & I Pratt		900
" 6	" "	" 11	L W Dodge		7,50
" "	" "	" 12	Sam'l Harrington		1250
" 10	" "	" 13	G M Dunn		702
" 30	" "	" 14	H Day		750
" "	" "	" 15	B Chase		230
" "	" "	" 16	A W Rice		475 00
" "	" "	" 17	W F Slocum		1700
" "	" "	" 18	E Fisher		600
May 1st	" "	" 19	J W Slocomb		50,00
" "	" "	" 20	N & L Lincoln		10,00
" 8	" "	" 21	E Fisher		72,93
" 9	" "	" 22	S C Flagg		195,35
" 12	Interest on Note of $4000,00 for 6 months to State Treasurer				120,00
" 14	Selectmens Order	No 23	Sam'l Hall		2625
" 15	" "	" 24	J D Wheeler		170 00
" 22	" "	" 25	" "		150 00
" 23	" "	" 26	Jos Smith		72 00
" 29	" "	" 27	A W Rice		250 00
June 20	" "	" 28	J D Wheeler		155 00
July 6	" "	" 29	Peter Hunt		40,00
" 9	" "	" 30	Chas Prentice		195 00
" 10	" "	" 31	Benj Robinson		50 00
" 12	" "	" 32 & 33	F McIntire		95 00
" 18	" "	" 34	State Lunatic Hospital		179 62
" "	" "	" 35	Daniel Lincoln		55 00

1833	July 19	Selectmens Order	No. 36	J G Putnam	$ 240,00
	" 24	"	" 37	A W Rice	150,00
	" 30	"	" 38	" "	450,00
	August 2	"	" 39	W F Wheeler	50 00
	" 14	"	" 40	B Newton	40,00
	" 20	"	" 41	Lewis Holbrook	49,85
	" "	"	" 42	A W Rice	500,00
	" 30	"	" 43	W F Slocum	50,00
	Sept 1	"	" 44	Saml Hall	1725
	" 5	Interest on Note of $5000.00 for 6 mo to State Treasurer			150,00
	" 7	Selectmens Order	" 45	Otis Adams	20,00
	" "	"	" 46	L P Bigelow	59 35
	" 13	"	" 47	A W Rice	75,00
	" 14	"	" 48	E Fisher	140 00
	" 19	"	" 49	Peter Hunt	14,61
	Oct 3	"	" 50	E Saunders	85,00
	" 16	"	" 51	F McIntire	30,00
	" "	"	" 52	J H Whitney	150,00
	" 20	"	" 53	D I Jocelyn	100 00
	" 26	"	" 54	E Saunders	300.00
	Nov 5	"	" 55	J G Putnam	200 00
	" 13	"	" 56	D I Jocelyn	2500
		Interest on Note of $4000.00 for 6 months to State Treasurer			120 00
	" 15	Selectmens Order	No 57	Chas Prentice	217,00
	" 17	"	" 58	C C Wood	7,00
	" 23	"	" 59	J D Wheeler	30,00
		"	" 60	" "	532,80
		"	" 61	B Newton	46,00
		"	" 62	H W Pratt	38 00
	" 26	"	"	Grafton Military Co	330,00
	" 29	"	" 63	D I Jocelyn	100,00
	" 30	"	" 64	Levi Rawson	50,00
	Dec 4	State Tax for 1833			1120,50
	" 25	Selectmens Order	No 65	L Holbrook	5,00
		"	" 66	" "	100,00

1855 Dec 25 To paying Selectmens Order No 67 D Jocelyn $15,00
" " " " " 68 Alfred Morse 45.00
" " " " " 69 T A Ruffum 48.90
" " " " " 70 E P Dennis 50,00
" " " " " 71 C B Jenks 19 25
" " " " " 72 Sam[t] Hall 10,50
" " " " " 73 S B Dolliver 10,00
" " " " " 74 Jos H Whitney 30,00

Assessors Orders viz
Abatement on Jas Kelly's Tax 1,72
" " W A Fiskes Tax 3,70
" " Jos Pogues Tax 1,17
" " Heirs of Nath[l] Smith Tax 4,68
" " John Pogue's Tax 3 12
" " Heirs of M H Adams Tax 13 26
" Sam[l] W Putnams Tax 2 34
" C L Thurstons Tax 1 17
" Jos Rivers Tax 1 68
" Alex[r] Stewart Tax 1 68
" M Riley Tax 1 68
" Jos Wood Tax 1,68
" Edwin Norcross Tax 1 68
" F. Mo[illegible]y Tax 1 68
" Thos J Drury Tax 3 90
" O H Wheelock Tax 8 58
" Jos Prentice Tax 4,66
" Josiah Norcross Tax 1 56
Dec 29th paying Selectmens Order No 75 A W Rice 300.00
1856 Jan[y] 1st County Tax for 1855 $1572.45
" 4th Selectmens Order No 76 E Saunders 200,00
" " Selectmens Note to Grafton Bank 3000.00
" " Order No 77 to D B Wingate 14 51
" Assessors Order. abatement of Sam[l] Johnsons Tax 1 56
" 10th Selectmens Note to Grafton Bank 2000.00
" 12 Assessors Order Abatement E. S. Munroes Tax 2.96
" 17 Selectmens Order to Jas Kimball 10,00
" " " No 78 F McIntire 7 99

1856 Jany 17	To paying Selectmens Order	No 79	to L. Pratt		$146.72
" 19	"	"	"	81	to L. Pratt 1.50
" 29	"	"	"	82	Jas W White 87.11
"	"	"	"	83	N Hancock 50.25
"	"	"	"	84	G F Slocomb 10,00
" 31	"	"	"	85	L R Bigelow 118.69
Feb 4	"	"		86	W F Wheeler 113.80
" 8	"	"		87	J. G Putnam 158.22
" 9	"	"		89	Chas Prentice 186.23
" 12	"	"		90	Lewis Holbrook 99.71
" 15	Two thousand Dollars as principal in Note of $2000.00 to State Treasurer				$2000.00
" 19	Selectmens Order	No	91	to Peter Hunt	109.20
" 20	"	"	92	Danie Lincoln	119.48
"	"	"	88	Benj Robinson	106.68
" 21	"	"	93	E Saunders	85.93
" 25	"	"	94 & 95	D B Wingate	68.50
" 26	To paying Assessors Orders viz				
	Abatement of		F Coburns Tax		$1,68
	"		Gilbert Howards tax		168
	"		Paul Lake tax		168
	"		Patty Leland tax		10.92
	"		Paul Pellican tax		168
	"		Sam'l Ray. tax		168
	"		Saml Stratton tax		168
	"		Lewis Stone tax		168
	"		Michael Simmons tax		168
	"		John A Stone tax		9.48
	"		Joseph Wild tax		168
	"		Robert Young tax		168
	"		Daniel McCurdy tax		168
	"		Joseph Jenkins tax		168
	"		Lewis Jacobs tax		68
	"		John Rice tax		168
	"		F M Marble tax		6.24
Feb 27	Selectmens Order	No	96	G F Slocomb	68.17
"	"	"	97	A W Rice	126.32

Feb 27. To paying Selectmens Order No. 98. J B White $28,67
" " " " 99 S R White 175
" " " " 100. C S Thurston 2798
" " " " 101 C Closbe 7,50
20774,27

Cr Town of Grafton in account with
1855 Augustus Slocomb — Treasurer.
March 12 By Cash rec. of Selectmen from former
Treasurer $ 2974.79
June 26 " on Selectmens Note 2901 50
July 16 " of State Treasurer from School fund 188. 70
August 27 " of H D P Bigelow Collector. 1854 83 01
Oct 4 " " " " " 23125
Nov. 19 " On Selectmens Note 1980.00
" 30 " of H D P Bigelow, Collector 1854 9,72
Dec. 21 " " " " 3,96
" 22 " for Support of State Paupers 59 70
" 25 " of G F Slocomb Collector for 1853 11523 88
1856 Jany 1st " " " " 1327. 07
" 29 " " " " 300 00
" " of James W White 28.37
Feb. 15 of State Treasurer on acct of Military Co 360 00
" 25 of H D P Bigelow Collector 1854 324
27. of G F Slocomb " 1853 542,86
28 of H D P Bigelow " 1854 111 00

Amount of Receipts $ 22629 05
" Paid Out 20774 27
" of Cash on hand $ 1854 78

Amount now Subject to draft
for Common Schools $ 208.96
for High School 160.00. $1485,82

All of Which is respectfully Submitted
Augustus Slocomb Treasurer

A True Copy.
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 5th Article in the Warrant, which is to hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor &c-

The Overseers of the Poor presented a printed Report which was by Vote accepted and is as follows viz—

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully beg leave to present to the Inhabitants of said Town the following Report for the year ending March 1st 1856—

Expenses on Farm for Stock, Boarding clothing Medical attendance &c.	$817.66
Interest on Real Estate including new Barn since finished	387.63
Agents Salary	300.00
Labor exclusive of Agents Salary on Farm	229.72
" in the House	81.75
Services of Overseers	40.00
Total Expense	$1856.76

Amount of produce Sold &c	$736.45
Balance of Inventory above last Year	352.41
Improvements on the Farm	300.00
	1588.86

Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on the Farm- $267.90

Whole number Supported or assisted on the Farm the past Year 26

Average cost per week $1.01-

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the past Year

Paid for Support of Deborah Warren	36.00
" " Charles M Sherman	39.00
Amos Fullers family	5.43
George Dixon	3.25
Morgan Radmon	5.88

(over)

Paid for Support of	Mrs Douglas & family	$9.50
" "	Huldah Crouch	4.00
	Mrs Carrol	3.74
	Sally Phillips	23.84
	Mary Jacobs	49.46
" for conveying	Antoine Aslin to State almshouse	1.60
" "	Mary Miller " "	2.55
" funeral expenses of	Mary Harper	9.25
		$199.50
Due from State for the Support of State paupers		57.32
Cost of Supporting paupers off the farm for the past Year		$142.18
Total Expense of Supporting paupers the past Year on and Off the Farm		$410.08

The Overseers will here State that the Old Barns have not been disposed of. They were offered at Auction and one of them Sold, the purchaser declining to take the same. the Old Barns remain in the Same position as last Year. The new Barn contracted for by their predecessors has been completed at cost of $2331.57. of which $739.82 was furnished in Lumber Labor Board &c from the farm. Said Barn is insured at the Mutual Fire insurance Company Worcester for $1200.00 for Seven Years. The Stock on the farm has been changed for the purpose of a Milk farm as recommended, and they think the change a good one.

They have caused the low land on the north side of the road to be thoroughly drained, and covered about 1½ acres with loam and gravel and seeded the same with a fair prospect of a good crop of English hay the ensuing Year and would recommend further improvements of this kind. All of which is Respectfully Submitted

A True Copy
Attest James W White
Town Clerk

A W Rice
Calvin Clisbee
Solomon Carroll
} Overseers of Poor of Grafton

Voted to lays over the Sixth article for the present.—
Took up the Seventh article in the Warrant and
Voted to pursue the same course with the high
ways as last Year—
Took up the third article in the Warrant. the
Selectmen by their chairman made a Report on
the Agency for the Sale of Spirituous and
Intoxicating Liquors. which was by vote
Recommitted ———
The Selectmen als made their Report
on Guide Posts which was accepted and
is as follows.

The Report of the Selectmen on Guide Posts

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town
of Grafton ask leave to present their Report
of all places at which Guide Posts are
Erected and maintained within said Town
of Grafton as follows— At the corner of the
Roads near Warrens Block. At the corner of
the Roads near House of Jon^a D Wheeler. at
the corner near the House of Samuel H Allen
At the corner near the House of William Wallace
at the corner of the Sutton & Northbridge Roads
a little South of the last named place. At the
Corner near the House of Joseph Bruce. At the
corner near the House of William A Fiske. At the
corner between the last named place and George
Dunns— at the corner a little North of the House
of H O Howard— At the corner near the Indian
Burying Ground at the corner near the Meeting
house in Farnumsville. at the corner near
the Store of Alfred Morse— At the corner near
the House of D J Smith at the corner near the
House of Nelson Perry at the corner near the
House of Austin Holbrook. at the corner near
Saunders' Brick Store. at the corner near
Harvelin J Eddys House—

(over)

At the Corner near the House of Charles Daniels At Each of the corners between the Burying Ground and the House of Samuel Despaw At the Corner of the Providence and Westboro Roads near to the last named place. at the corner near the Alms House At the corner near the Meeting House in New England Village. At Each of the corners near the House of Jasper W Putnam At Each of the corners Northerly of the House of James Houghton. At the corner near the House of Charles T Fay. At the corner near the House of Nathan S Wheelock At the corner near the House of Calvin Elisbee. At the corner near the House of H J Pratt. At the corner near the House of Solomon Carroll. At the corner near the House of Joseph Kimball At the corner near the House of Jefferson Bellows At the corner near the House of Jonathan Sibley.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 3d 1856

L S Pratt
B Newton
Calvin Wilson
Calvin S Thurston

} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Voted to take up the twentieth Article in the Warrant which is to hear the Report of the Collector The Collector presented his Report in Print which was by vote accepted and is as follows - viz

Collectors Report.

Amount of Taxes committed by Assessors to G. L. Slocomb collector for 1855.

(over)

1855 July 6	Amt of Town Grant for 1855.		$11000.00
"	"	State Tax	"	1120 50
"	"	County Tax	"	1512 45
"	"	Overlayings	"	130 25
			$13,763.20
'55 Dec 25.	To cash Tr. Town Treas pr Rec'pt.		11523.88
1856 Jany 1st	"	"	1327.07
" " 29	"		300 00
" Feb 27	"		542 86
			$13693.81
	Amt of uncollected Taxes.		$69.39

Amount of Taxes uncollected against the following Persons -

Samuel Despeaux	Real Estate	$2.73
Lucy D Harridan	"	6,24
Heirs of Elizabeth Adams	"	39
Jeming Smith		39
Timothy Hunt	personal property & Poll Tax	558
Wm Allen	Poll Tax	168
Charles Benway	"	168
John Bunn	"	168
John Bawdle	"	168
Jarrant B Brooks	"	168
Francis Bordeau	"	168
John Barstow	"	168
Michael Carley	"	168
Abel M Chaffee	"	168
Thomas Derick	"	168
John J Doty	"	168
Joseph Donor	"	168
Peter O Henry	"	168
Edward Hargraves	"	168
John Jennor	"	168
Isaac Jolly	"	168
Joseph Lear	"	168
John Mc Kennedy	"	168

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James Mc Keron	Poll Tax	168.
James Mayes	"	168
Alexander Orr	"	168
F W Putnam	"	168
John Roan	"	168
James Schoffield	"	168
Edward Shattuck	"	168
John Sampson	"	168
David Wilson	"	168
Amos Wood	"	168
		$69.39

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted
George F Slocomb Collector

A True Copy
Attst James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 8th article in the Warrant which is to Raise and appropriate Money &c - Voted to Raise Twelve Thousand Dollars Money Tax the present year - —
Voted to appropriate four thousand Dollars to pay Town Note —

Voted to appropriate three thousand Dollars for Common Schools the present year

Voted to appropriate the same as last Years for high School. which was four hundred Dollars and divided as follows - viz two hundred and forty Dollars to the center School District. and Eighty Dollars each to New England Village. and Farmington School Districts —

Voted to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars for Special Repairs of the High ways to be Expended at the discretion of the Selectmen

(over)

Voted to Raise Twelve Hundred Dollars Labor Tax to be Expended upon the Highways the present year —
Voted to pass this article for the present —

Took up the 9th Article in the Warrant —
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery made their Report which was accepted and is as follows —

The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery present through their Treasurer the following Report to the Town. —

Amount in Treasury March 2: 1853.	$ 174,17
Rec'd for Lots Sold	117.56
" " Labor on Lots	70.00
" " Wood Sold	4.50
Total	$ 406.23

Amount Expended for Labor	$ 158. 52
to fencing B A Greens Lot.	77. 95
Sundry Small Articles	8.53
Total Expenditures	$ 245.00
Leaving a balance in Treasury	$ 161,23

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Lewis Holbrook. Treasurer

Grafton March 3d 1856

Prospective Income as the result of the above Expenditures.

Amount advanced to fenced Benedict A Greens Lot — —	$ 77.95
Value of Lots fitted for Sale	80.00
Due from a Sundry Individuals	10.00
	$ 167.95
	161 23
	$ 329.18

A True Copy
Attest James M White Town Clerk

Took up the Eleventh article in the Warrant The following was Submitted in Writing by S. Brimblecom. "Moved that all Taxes for 1856 Shall be paid on or before the 1st day of November. That the poll Taxes Shall be paid in 14 days after the Tax Bills are put into the collectors hands. That the Collector Shall keep a day Book in which his Collec=tions Shall be recorded in the order in which they are made. Subject to the inspection of the Selectmen at all times. That the collec=tions Shall be paid into the Treasury once in Seven days" ——— Voted to adopt S. Brimblecom's Motion ———

Voted to Set up the collecting of Taxes at Auction — They were accordingly and George F Slocomb offered to collect the Taxes for One percent, and they were struck off to him at that price —

Voted to take up the 2d Article in the Warrant in order to choose a Collector. and by Ballot Chose George F Slocomb Collector for the present year ensuing —

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant Voted to allow the Collector One percent for collecting the Taxes the present year —

Voted to take up the thirteenth article in the Warrant — Voted to continue the School District System —

Took up the twelfth article in the Warrant Voted to allow the Sextons the same as last year for burying the Dead. which was as follows. For digging and filling the Grave Ringing the Bell to give Notice of a Death

and Tolling the Bell at the Funeral and attending with his Horse and the Towns Hearse. One Dollar and Seventy five cents also the Friends of the deceased pay them One Dollar more —

Took up the 14th. Article in the Warrant and Voted to Authorize the Several Prudential Committees to Employ the School Teachers in their Respective School Districts — —

Took up the 15th Article in the Warrant and Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells to be Rung at 12 Oclock M— and at 9 Oclock P. M—
Voted to pass over the 16th article in the Warrant

Took up the 17th Article in the Warrant - and Voted to allow Engine Men for whom their Commanding Officers will certify to their having done Firemans duty for the Year — Five Dollars — for the Year ensuing — — —
Passed over the 18th Article in the Warrant

Took up the 19th Article in the Warrant and Voted to Refer all Bills to the Auditing Committee and if found correct to be Paid —

Took Up the 2d Article in the Warrant & Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee the present Year — then by Vote adjourned this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at One Oclock P. M. —

A True Record
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th 1856

Being the first Monday in April the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall according to adjournment from the Annual Meeting of the Town on the third day of March last. at One Oclock P.M. and the following proceedings were had to wit.

1st The Records of the annual meeting were Read by the Town Clerk - by which it appeared that at the annual meeting in accordance with the provisions of the "Revised Statutes" the Town had "decided to" and had Elected their Constables by Nomination .. "An Act. Approved by the Governor April 30th 1851" Requires all Constables of Towns to be elected by Written Ballots - It was therefore Voted to Reconsider so much of the Vote passed March 3d 1856 as relates to the "manner" of Choosing Constables-

Voted that we now proceede to choose Seven Constables by Ballot - Took up the 2 Art in the Warrant

8. Voted that the Seven names be Brought in on One Ballot. —

Then By Ballot chose

George F Slocomb. Sworn April 8th by Town Clerk
James W White Sworn April 7. by Moderator in Open meeting
Henry B Fairbanks Sworn April 9th before me Jas W White Town Clerk
Willard D Wheeler Sworn April 9th before me J W White Town Clerk
Ezra Churchell Sworn April 8th before me Jas W White Town Clerk
A. W. Rice Sworn July 22d. before me J W White Town Clerk
Nelson Perry Sworn April 9th before me Jas W White Town Clerk

as Constables for the Year Ensuing,

F H Merriam who was chosen Highway Surveyor. at the annual Meeting having declined Serving as such. The Town chose John M Newton Highway Surveyor in his place who came forward the same day and took the oath of his office before me James W White Town Clerk

By nomination chose Joshua Longdon Pound Keeper (Should have been Recorded before Highway Surveyor) accepted &c.

By nomination chose Otis Adams Highway Surveyor in place of Joseph Merriam Jr who was chosen at the annual meeting but declined Serving -- Otis Adams took the Oath of Office April 9th 1856 before me Jas W White Town Clerk

By nomination chose Winthrop How Highway Surveyor in place of Jefferson Bellows who was chosen at the annual meeting but declined Serving- Winthrop How Sworn June 17th 1856 before me James W White Town Clerk

By nomination chose Calvin D Nourse Highway Surveyors in place of Edmund F Wheeler who was chosen at the annual meeting but declined Serving-----
Calvin D Nourse Sworn April 12th 1856 before me James W White Town Clerk

Voted not to fill any vacancy in the list of "Field Drivers"

Took up the third article in the Warrant and Voted that "we now hear the Report of the Selectmen" On the "Liquor Agency"

The Selectmen then presented their Report as follows ——

The Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. having thoroughly and carefully Examined the Books and Property of the Liquor Agent in accordance with vote of the Town passed March 3d 1856. Submit the following

Report

Stock on hand May 8th 1855	70.37
Cash Rec'd for Liquors Sold from May 8th 1855 to March 3d 1856	547.01
" for Casks "	7.00
	$ 624.38

(over)

Paid for Liquor by Town Agent as per Bills	$618.41
Commission Freight Truckage & for Casks	39 33
Agents Salery for 11 months	36 67
	$694 41
Amount due Town Agent March 31st	70,03
Stock in Agents hands March 31st	$150.67
Balance in favor of the Town	80.64
Showing a profit to the Town past Year of	$10.27

It appears from Agents Sale Book and amount on hand that On 247½ Gallons Alcohol there is a falling Short of 40½ Gallons

On 125 Gallns	Gin	a falling Short of	24 Gallns	—	1qt
" 44 "	Brandy	" "	11½	—	
" 62½ "	Wine	" "	12	—	
179			88		

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 31st 1856

L. S. Pratt
L. F. Allen
J. A. Buffum
L. N. Leland
Rufus L. Withuby
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James M White Town Clerk.

On Motion Voted to accept the Report —
Voted to Raise a committee of three to investigate this matter and Report at some future meeting By Nomination chose Winthrop Faulkner Joseph N Leland & Samuel H Allen Said Committee —

Took up the 6th Article in the Warrant and Voted to hear the Report of the General School Committee. which was then Read by Rev Farrington McIntire the chairman and by Vote Accepted Voted that the General School Committee cause Five hundred Copy's of their Report to be [illegible] Printed for the use of the Town — 15 minutes before 4 On Voted to adjourn for One hour in Order to take up a new Warrant

At five minuts before five Oclock met according to adjournment and took up the 8 article in the Warrant. and voted to appropriate Three Hundred dollars in addition to the five hundred dollars already appropriated for Special Repairs of the Highways. and that the Selectmen be instructed to Expend a Sum not Exceeding five hundred dollars upon the Road between the House of Joseph Bruce and the House of Rufus Prentice ——

Took up the 21st article in the Warrant

The Selectmen by their Chairman L. L. Pratt presented a List of Names which they had prepared to be placed in the Jury Box. which after being read was accepted and is as follows—

Joseph B Adams	Seth J Attell
Luke F Allen	Charles Brigham
Horace Batcheler	Horace P Brown
A M Bigelow	Oliver M Brigham
Jefferson Bellows	Joseph Batcheler
Calvin Craine	George W Crumb Jr
Origin C Craine	David W Carpenter
Solomon Carroll	John C Davis
George Dunn	Lewis W Dodge
George W Eastbrook	Samuel C Flagg
Joel W Gay	Adolphus Fowler
Silas A Forbush	William A Fiske
Hiram Fernald	Benjamin W Fay
H C Greenwood	Charles Goddard
Lewis Holbrook	S D Hall.
Nathan Hancock	Benjamin Heywood
Austin Holbrook	A G Hinds
James Houghton	John P Hayden
Elijah Kimball	James M Kimball

(over)

Elijah B Knowlton
Rodney Leland
Noah K Merriam
Benjamin R Moulton
Lawson Munyan
Chandler M Pratt
John Putnam Jr
Ashley W Rice
Jonathan W Stowe
Augustus Slocomb
Calvin Thurston
Moses C Woodbury
Horace S Warren
Henry Wesson
John B White
John Whitney
Jonathan C Wheeler

Levi N Leland
A L Lincoln
Joseph Merriam Jr
John McClellan
Jonathan R Putnam
Leander S Pratt
J. W Putnam
Samuel G Reading
Leander Stockwell
Gilbert C Taft
Silas Triston
Francis Winn
Henry F Wing
William F Wheeler
Jonathan Warren
Rufus C Warren
Stephen R White

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of April next at three Oclock P. M. to act on the following Articles to wit —

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To see if the Town will make a new division of the Moneys appropriated for District Schools among the several School Districts in the Town or act thereon as petitioned for by A M Bigelow and others ---

3d To see if the Town will Grant or appropriate a Sum of Money for Special Repairs of the Road between the Same leading to the house of Rufus Prentice, and a point nearly East and opposite the house of Joseph Bruce and act thereon as Petitioned for by J W Slocomb and others —

4th To See what action if any the Town will take to dispose of their Woodlot or the Wood thereon — —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the center of Said Town and at the Meeting houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of Holding Said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon

(over)

to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under our hands this twenty Seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six—

L S Pratt } Selectmen
L F Allen } of
Rufus A Wetherby } Grafton

Worcester ss
April 7th 1856 I have served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up attested Copy's thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses as therein directed.

James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th 1856

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. and the following proceedings were had to wit.

1st By Ballot chose Charles Brigham Moderator

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. and Voted to pass over the Same—

Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant—

Voted to reconsider the Vote to pass over the Second Article in the Warrant and then Voted to choose a Committee of one from each School District to make a new division of the School money for common Schools

By Nomination chose A M Bigelow Benjamin Haywood William Hersey

Hollis Chamberlain J. B Sibley
Levi Rawson Charles Brigham Abijah
Adams A F Smith Austin Holbrook and
E. B Knowlton Said Committee
Voted to pass over the 4th Article in the
Warrant—. and then Voted to dissolve
this Meeting———

A True Record—
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 28th 1856
In accordance with a vote of the Town
passed March the third day. 1856. the
Selectmen of said Town have this day
met and appointed the following Officers
to Wit . for Measurers of Wood and Bark

Augustus Slocomb,	Declined - april 30th 1856
Willard D Wheeler	Sworn April 30th/56 before Town Clerk
Rufus E Warren	Declined
Sanit Harrington	Declined
J H. Wood	Declined Irving April 30th 1856
Cyrus D Aldrich	Sworn April 30th/56 before Town Clerk
Gilbert C Taft	
Calvin Wilson	Sworn May 24 before Town Clerk
J A Buffum	Sworn May 12th before Town Clerk
Jas H Wright	Sworn Oct. 1st. 1856 before Town Clerk
J W Jacobs	Sworn May 12th before Town Clerk
Benj Kingsbury	Declined April 30th 1856
Edwin J Leland	
Jasper S Nelson	Declined - May 12

A true Copy of Appointments of Wood Measurers
Attest James W White
Town Clerk

over

The following persons were appointed as
Surveyors of Lumber —
Wm T Leisure Sworn April 30th/56 before Town Clerk
Noah Fletcher Sworn April 30/56 before Town Clerk
Charles B Jenks. Sworn May 12th before Town Clerk
For Sealers of Leather
John Whitney Declined
Lewis W Dodge Sworn April 30th. before Town Clerk
B F Moulton
For Sealer of Weights and Measures —
Nathan Hancock Sworn May 28th before T Clerk
For Weighers of Anthracite & Bituminous Coal
Calvin Wilson
Robert Mowrey Sworn July 3d before Town Clerk
Cyrus D Aldrich Sworn April 30th 1856 before Town Clerk
For Engineers —
J D Wheeler
L S Pratt
A M Bigelow
S G Congdon
A W Rice
Erastus Fisher
G. C. Taft
Alfred Morse
C M Pratt

A true Record.
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that I Willard D Wheeler of Grafton in the County of Worcester is principal and Winthrop Faulkner and Silas A Forbush of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind our-selves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Witness our Hands and Seals this Seventh day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six -

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas at the annual Meeting of Said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the Seventh day of April in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty Six. the Said Willard D Wheeler was duly Elected a Constable of Said Grafton for the Year then ensuing.

Now if the Said Willard D Wheeler Shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of Civil Process which may be committed to him as such Constable. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
Cyrus D Aldrich,
Charles L Fay

W D Wheeler LS
Winthrop Faulkner LS
S A Forbush LS

A true Copy Attest.

Approved by the Select Men Attest.
Jas W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Geo
F Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester
as Principal and Augustus Slocomb and Lowell-
White of Grafton as Sureties. are holden and
Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the
Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid
in the full and just Sum of five hundred Dollars
to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of Grafton
or asigns to the which payment well and truly
to be made. We bind Ourselves our heirs Executors
and administrators firmly by these presents.—
Witness Our Hands and Seals this Seventh
day of April A.D. One thousand Eight hundred
and fifty six. The condition of this Oblig-
-ation is Such that whereas at the Annual
Meeting of Said Inhabitants of Grafton
held on the Seventh day of April in the Year
One thousand Eight hundred and fifty six
the Said Geo F Slocomb was duly Elected as
Constable of Said Grafton for the Year ensuing
Now if the Said Geo F Slocomb Shall faithfully
perform his duties as Constable in the Service
of civil Process which may be committed to him
as such Constable. then this Obligation Shall
be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force
power and virtue—

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in presence of
Geo W Howe

Geo F Slocomb LS
A Slocomb LS
Lowell White LS

The Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have appointed Charles A Pierce an agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the same within. for and on account of said Town to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no other for One Year from May 9th 1856 to May 9th 1857 unless Sooner removed from said Agency — now if the said Charles A Pierce shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed. and to such rules and regulations as now are or shall from time to time be Established by the Board of Selectmen making this Appointment, then this Appointment to remain in full force Otherwise to be void

The place for the Sale of Liquors to be in the Post Office Building. The first building West of the Green Store So Called —

Grafton May 9th 1856

L S Pratt
L N Leland
G A Buffum
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Whereas, a controversy has arisen between James F. Thorndike of Grafton, and Thomas Rearidan of Grafton about their respective Rights in a partition fence in the line between their Lands. We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the Town of Grafton duly chosen and Sworn, having on the application of the said James F. Thorndike (and after having given due Notice to the said Thomas Rearidan) viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute. have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his Share of said fence as follows. Viz

The said James F. Thorndike Shall build and keep in Repair a good and Sufficient fence from the bounds on the County Road at the South West corner of said Thorndikes farm. East 25 1/2 Rods to Stake and Stones, and also from bounds at corner of Land occupied by said Thorndike. Rearidan. and William Brigham North 8 1/6 Rods to Stake and Stones ---

And the said Thomas Rearidan Shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line. viz from a Stake and Stones in the center of the South line of said Thorndike. East. 25 1/2 Rods. South 8 1/6 Rods to Stake and Stones. And Each party is to repair his part of said fence within fourteen days of the date hereof. —

Given under our hands at said Grafton this thirtieth day of May 1854

Joseph B Adams
Francis Carroll
} Fence Viewers

A true Copy - deposited in the Town Clerks Office (as appears by Pencil mark) May 31st 1854 and Recorded June 19th 1856 --

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton July 7th 1856

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton met this day and appointed John S Sweeney a Field Driver for the Town of Grafton — John S. Sweeney was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Field driver July 8th 1856 before me.

James W White Town Clk

Whereas a controversy has arisen between James F Thorndike of Grafton and Barnard Gouran of Grafton, about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their Lands. We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the Town of Grafton duly chosen and Sworn, having on the application of the said James F Thorndike, and after having given due notice to the said Barnard Gouran, viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his Share of said fence as follows viz

The said Barnard Gouran shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the bounds on the County Road at the North West corner of Land of said Thorndike. East 12⅔ rods to Stake and Stones, and also from bounds 28 rods East of the beforementioned Stake and Stones East 15⅓ rods. Thence Northerly 19 rods to Stake and Stones. Thence from bounds 38¼ rods North of the last mentioned Stake and Stone North 19¼ rods to Land owned by the Town of Grafton —

over

And the said James F. Thorndike shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said Line viz — from the last mentioned Stake and Stones South 38¼ rods to Stake and Stones. also from Stake and Stones 12⅔ rods from place of begin-ning East 28 rods to Stake and Stones —

And each party is to Repair his part of said fence within fourteen days from the date hereof —

Given under our hands at said Grafton this thirtieth day of May 1854

Joseph B Adams } Fence
Francis Carroll } Viewers

A True Copy Received at five Oclock and thirty minutes P.M. July 17th 1856.
(Pencil marks as Rec: May 31st 1854)
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton July 22d 1856

The Select men of the Town of Grafton met this day. and in accordance with a Petition Signed by J W Putnam and Others. Legal Voters of Said Town of Grafton. appointed. Henry Crippen Curtis Cady. Alonzo Putnam and George Mansfield Special Constables for the Town of Grafton for the remainder of the Municipal Year. with all the powers of Constables. except the power of Serving and Executing any Civil process. according to to the Statutes of 1851 Chapter 162

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

July 22 1856 Henry Crippen & Alonzo Putnam Sworn before Town Clk

Grafton July 31st 1856

In consideration of recent developements of insubordination to the Laws and disturbances upon the Sabbath and at other times the Selectmen have this day appointed the following persons as Special Constables of the Town of Grafton for the remainder of the Municipal Year with all the powers of Constables Except the power of Serving and Executing any civil process - according to the Statutes of 1851 chapt 162 — Viz.

Sumner Dunsmore. Sworn Aug 1st 1856 before Town Clerk
John L. Adams Sworn Aug 2 1856 before Town Clerk
Freman M Marble Sworn Aug 2 " before Town Clerk
John C Davis Sworn Aug 2 " before Town

A True Record.

James P White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton. on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at Nine O.clock in the forenoon. it being the tuesday next after the first Monday in Said month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. Also for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No Nine to serve for two years from the fourth of March next.— Also to bring in their votes for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor. a Councillor from District No Seven. a Secretary Treasurer and Reciever General. Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. and for five Senators from the District of Worcester for the year ensuing. Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner and for two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester. also to bring in their votes for a Sheriff— a Register of Probate. four Commissioners of Insolvency. a Register of Insolvency— a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester and a District Attorney for the Middle District— and also to choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next—

(as—)

The votes for Presidential Electors will be Received on one Ballot - The votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators will be Received on One Ballot - The votes for County Commissioners and for Special Commissioners will be received on One Ballot - The votes for Commissioners of Insolvency will be Received on one Ballot and for each of the other Officers to be voted for on Seperate Ballots. Each Ballot to Specify the Office voted for -

The Polls will be Opened to Recieve the votes for the above Officers at half past Nine Oclock in the forenoon on said day -

And You are directed to Give this Warrant by Posting up an Attested copy there of at each of the Publick Meeting houses in the centre of Said Town, and at the Meetinghouses in New England Village Farmumsville and Saunders Village - ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting -

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty six -

L. J. Pratt
L. F. Allen
L. N. Leland
Rufus L. Wilkinson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS.
October 25th 1856. I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up Attested copies Thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses as therein directed

James W White - Constable of Grafton

A true Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs. held in the Town Hall on Tuesday the Fourth day of November A D 1856 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. for the purpose of bringing in their Votes to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. a Representative to the Congress of the United States from District No Nine to Serve two Years from the fourth of March next. a Governor - Lieutenant Governor. a Councillor from District No Seven - a Secretary a Treasurer and Reciever General - an Auditor. and Attorney General of the Commonwealth and for five Senators from the District of Worcester for the Year insuing - a County Commissioner. and two Special Commissioners - a Sheriff a Register of Probate - four Commissioners of Insolvency - a Register of Insolvency a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester and a District Attorney for the Middle District. and Also to choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next - the following proceedings were had: to wit The Meeting was called to Order by L S Pratt. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Warrant was read by the Town-Clerk - and on motion it was voted that the Polls be closed at four Oclock in the afternoon - - The Votes having been given in - Sorted - counted - Recorded. and Returns made out - Sealed up and declared in Open Meeting. Were as follows -

Whole No of Votes for Electors at Large was Six hundred and Fourteen 614
Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield had four hundred and fifty three votes— 453

(Fremont Union)

Thomas Colt of Pittsfield had four hundred and fifty three votes— 453

(Democratic)

Nathaniel J Lord of Salem had One hundred and twelve votes— 112
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had One hundred and twelve votes. 112

(Fillmore American)

William Appleton of Boston had forty nine votes— 49
Charles D Stockbridge of Whately had forty nine votes— 49

For an Elector for District No One

John Vinson of Edgartown had four hundred fifty three votes 453
Abraham H Howland of New Bedford had one hundred and twelve votes 112
John Baylis of New Bedford had forty nine votes 49

For an Elector from District No Two

Azariah B Wheeler of Bridgewater had four hundred fifty three votes — 453
Jared Pratt of Middleboro had One hundred and twelve votes 112
Henry Dimon Jr of Fall River had forty nine votes 49

For an Elector from District No Three—

George R Russell of West Roxbury had four hundred fifty three votes 453
Bradford L Wales of Randolph had one hundred and twelve votes 112
Alfred B Ely of Newton had forty nine votes 49

For an Elector for District No four.

George Odiorn of Boston had four hundred and fifty three votes 453

Patrick Riley of Ward seven Boston had one hundred and twelve votes 112

Archelus Wilson of Boston had forty nine votes— 49—

For an Elector for District No- five

Lucius B Marsh of Boston had four hundred and fifty three votes 453

Daniel Draper of Boston had One hundred and twelve votes 112

Zelotes Hosmer of Cambridge had forty nine votes— 49

For an Elector from District No Six

George H Devereux of Salem had four hundred and fifty three votes 453

William Hammond of Marblehead had One hundred and twelve votes 112

Henry Luscumb Jr of Salem had forty nine votes— 49

For an Elector from District No Seven

James M Usher of Medford had four hundred and fifty three votes- 453

Edward Riddle of Charlestown had One hundred and twelve votes. 112

Luther V Bell of Charlestown had forty nine votes 49

For an Elector from District No Eight

John Nesmith of Lowell had four hundred and fifty three votes 453

James C Abbott of Lowell had One hundred and twelve votes— 112

Jefferson Bancroft of Lowell had forty nine votes 49

For an Elector from District No Nine
John L. C. Knowlton of Worcester had four
hundred and fifty three votes 453
George M Bentley of Worcester had One
hundred and twelve votes 112
Joseph M Leland of Grafton had forty
nine votes 49

For an Elector from District No Ten
Charles E Forbes of Northampton had four
hundred and fifty three votes 453
Alonzo A Blanchard of Palmer had One
hundred and twelve votes 112
John C Marsh of Chicopee Falls had
forty nine votes 49

For An Elector from District No Eleven
Franklin Ripley of Greenfield had four hundred
and fifty three votes 453
Thomas G Plunkett of Pittsfield had One
hundred and twelve votes 112
Franklin Weston of Dalton had forty
nine votes 49

The Whole Number of votes
for a Representative to the Congress of the
United States from District No Nine was
Six hundred and Nine 609
Alexander De Witt of Oxford had Two hundred
and Seventy votes 270
Eli Thayer of Worcester had two hundred
and twenty five votes 225
Nathaniel Wood of Fitchburg had One
hundred and three votes 103
John G Thurston of Lancaster had Eleven votes 11

The Whole Number of votes for Governor
was four hundred and fifty four. 454

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Henry J Gardner of Boston had two hundred
and Eighty Six Votes + 286

Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had
One hundred and twenty six Votes 126

Luther V Bell of Charlestown had
twenty two Votes 22

George William Gordon of Boston had
fifteen Votes 15
Josiah Quincy of Boston had two Votes 2
John Stove had one Vote 1
Charles Sumner had One Vote 1
(Lucy S Blackwell had one vote not returned) 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant
Governor was four hundred Eighty Seven 487

Henry W Benchley of Worcester had three hundred
and twenty five Votes 325

Albert Currier of Newbury port had one hundred
and twenty one Votes 121

Homer Foot of Springfield had thirty seven Votes 37
Josiah Quincy of Boston had one Vote 1
Simon Brown of Concord had one Vote 1
Joseph Willard had one Vote 1
E B Bigelow had one Vote 1
Rev Antoinette Brown had one Vote (Not Returned) 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of ~~this~~
Commonwealth was four hundred and
Eighty four 484
Francis De Witt of Ware had three hundred
and thirty four Votes 334

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Jonathan E Field of Stockbridge had One hundred and twelve votes 112

William McConnell of Boston had fifteen votes . 15
William S Lincoln of Worcester had twenty three votes 23

The whole number of votes for Attorney General was four hundred and Eighty- 480

John H Clifford of New Bedford had three hundred and Sixty Eight votes 368

Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had One hundred and Eleven votes 111

John H Andrew of Boston had One vote . 1

The whole number of votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was four hundred and Eighty One- 481

Moses Kimmy Jr of Georgetown had three hundred and thirty three votes 333

Stedman Buttrick of Concord had One hundred and Eleven votes 111

George Foster of Lynn had fifteen votes 15

John Sargent of Cambridge had twenty two votes 22

Whole Number of Votes for Auditor was four hundred and Eighty 480

Chandler R Ransom of Roxbury had three hundred. thirty one votes- 331

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Giles H Whitney of Winchendon had One Hundred and Eleven Votes 111

Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford had Fifteen Votes 15

Joseph Mitchell of Boston had Twenty Two Votes— 22

Joseph Mitchell of Nantucket had one Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Councillor from District No Seven was Six hundred and fourteen— 614

Ansel Phelps of Greenfield had Two hundred and twelve Votes— 212

Edward Denny of Barre had Two hundred and fifty four Votes— 254

Charles A Mirick of Greenfield had One hundred and three Votes 103

Jonathan Warren of Grafton had Thirty Eight Votes 38

Calvin Willard of Worcester had Seven Votes 7

The Whole Number of Votes for Senators was Six hundred and Twenty Eight 628

Ichabod Washburn of Worcester had Two hundred and Sixty four Votes 264

Wilder S Thurston of Lancaster had Two hundred and Sixty four Votes 264

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Frederick Parker of Templeton had two hundred and Sixty four votes 264

Reuben S Denny of Leicester had two hundred and Sixty four votes. 264

Henry S Mansfield of Blackstone had two hundred and Sixty four votes 264

James Estabrook of Worcester had One hundred and ten votes 110

George A Vinton of Southbridge had One hundred and ten votes- 110

Luke Houghton of Barre had One hundred and ten votes. 110

Timothy S Wilson of Fitchburg had One hundred and ten votes. 110-

John Erskine of Milford had One hundred and ten votes 110-

George F Hoar of Worcester had One hundred and Eighty five votes 185

Belcrous Taft of Upton had One hundred and seventy nine votes 179

Ohio Whitney Jr of Ashburnham had One hundred and Eighty five votes 185

William Myrick of Hardwick had two hundred and five votes 205

L F Hitchcock of Warren had One hundred and Eighty five votes 185

(Senators) George F Rice of Worcester had twenty two votes 22

Esek Saunders of Grafton had Thirty two votes 32

Jerome Gardner of Harvard had twenty two votes 22

Samuel C Hartwell of Southbridge had twenty two votes 22

E B Bigelow of Grafton had two votes 2

James H Wall of Worcester had Seventeen votes 17

Hartford Stoddard of Upton had Seventeen votes 17

Walter Heywood of Fitchburg had Seventeen votes 17

Lucius Woodcock of Leicester had Seventeen votes 17

J W Jenkins Jr of Barre had Seventeen votes 17

The Whole number of votes for Sheriff was Six hundred and thirteen 613

George M Richardson of Worcester had two hundred and eighty seven votes 287

John S C Knowlton of Worcester had two hundred and two votes 202

Edward W Lincoln of Worcester had one hundred and Eight votes 108

James W Jenkins Jr of Barre had Sixteen votes 16

The Whole number of votes for Clerk of the Courts was Six hundred and three 603

William A Smith of Worcester had Nine Hundred and Seventy nine Votes 979

Joseph Mason of Worcester had Two Hundred Votes 200

H B Staples of Milford had One Hundred and Eight Votes 108

J Henry Heill of Worcester had Sixteen Votes 16

The Whole number of Votes for District Attorney for the Middle District was Five Hundred and ninety Five 595

E B Stoddard of Worcester had Two Hundred and Eighty Two Votes 282

P Emory Aldrich of Worcester had One Hundred and ninety Seven Votes 197

Joseph W Mansur of Fitchburg had One Hundred Votes 100

Charles G Stevens of Clinton had Sixteen Votes 16

The Whole number of Votes for a County Commissioner was Five Hundred and ninety Seven 597

David F Parmenter of Holden had Two Hundred and Forty Five Votes 245

James Allen of Oakham had Two Hundred and Six Votes 206

William Bennett of Hubbardston had One Hundred and Eleven Votes 111

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Amory Holman of Bolton had thirty five votes 35

The whole number of votes for Special Commissioners was five hundred Eighty two 582

Thomas Billings of Lunenburg had four hundred and fifty five votes 455

John B Pratt of Oxford had two hundred and fifty Eight votes 258

Constant Southworth of Hardwick had One hundred and ninety Seven votes 197

Alvah Cook of Aubridge had One hundred and Nine votes 109

Simeon Lamb of Charlton had one hundred and nine votes - 109

Levi Downe of Fitchburg had Eighteen votes 18
Joseph W Leland of Grafton had Eighteen votes 18

Joseph Davis of Templeton had Sixteen votes 16
Harvy Dodge of Sutton had Sixteen votes 16

The whole number of votes for Register of Insolvency was Six hundred and two 602

Austin L Rogers of Worcester had two hundred and Sixty three votes 263

John J Piper of Fitchburg had One hundred and ninety six votes 196

L W Botham of Southbridge had One hundred and Eight votes 108

Jonathan Cary of Grafton had nineteen votes 19
C. H. B. Snow of Fitchburg had Sixteen votes " 16

The Whole number of votes for Register of Probate was Six hundred and two " 602

Charles C Prentiss of Worcester had four hundred and ninety four 494

Emory Sanford of Oxford had One hundred and Eight votes 108

The Whole number of votes for Commissioners of Insolvency was five hundred and ninety nine - 599

Lucien C Boynton of Aubridge had Two hundred and fifty Eight votes - 258

La. H. Bradford of Fitchburg had two hundred and fifty Seven votes - 257

Stephen P. Twiss of Worcester had two hundred and fifty Eight votes - 258

Newton Courtelot of Webster had two hundred and fifty Eight votes - 258

I Stevens of Athol had One hundred and ninety Eight votes - 198

Hartly Williams of Worcester had one hundred and ninety Eight votes - 198

D. H. Merriam of Fitchburg had One hundred and ninety Eight votes 198
W. S. Kent of Milford had One hundred and ninety Eight votes (one) 198

William L Southwick of Blackstone had One hundred and nine votes 109

Asa Daby of Harvard had One hundred and nine votes 109

Charles Brimblecom of Barre had One hundred and nine votes 109

James E Estabrook of Worcester had One hundred and nine votes 109

J W Mansur of Fitchburg had Eighteen votes 18

C H Metherell of Worcester had Eighteen votes 18

N G Bryant of Barre had Eighteen votes. 18

Dan Hill of Blackstone had Eighteen votes. 18

George S Taft of Auburdge had Sixteen votes 16

Charles Field of Athol had Sixteen votes 16

Amasa Norcross of Fitchburg had Sixteen votes 16

John Dana of Worcester had Sixteen votes - 16

The Whole number of votes for Representative to the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next was Six hundred and Twenty One. 621.

Leander S Pratt had One hundred Eighty nine votes 189

Frederick Waterman had ninety five votes. 95

Oliver M Brigham had One vote 1

Luke F Allen had three hundred and thirty Six votes and was Elected = 336

The foregoing Votes having been declared in Open Meeting. at ten minutes before Eleven Oclock P M the Meeting was dissolved —

A True Record —

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at two Oclock P. M. to act on the following Articles. to Wit —

1st To Choose a Moderator to Preside at said Meeting —

2d To See if the Town will accept the Road laid Out by the Selectmen as Petitioned for by Samuel H Allen and Others —

3d To See if the Town will accept the Road laid Out by the Selectmen as Petitioned for by Ebenezer Leland and Others —

4th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committees & act thereon —

And You are required to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses in the centre of said Town and at the Meetinghouses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders village. to Stand over two Sunday

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at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid--

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six

L S Pratt	Selectmen
L F Allen	of
L N Leland	Grafton
Rufus L Wetherby	

Worcester ss
October 25th 1856. I have this day served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up Attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses as therein directed --

Attest James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. Qualified to vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fourth day of Novem= ber AD 1856 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant at two Oclock P.M. the following proceedings were had - to wit -

1st By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce Moderator

2d The Selectmen by their Chairman L S Pratt made a Report of the Laying out of a Road by them as follows- viz-

The Subscribers. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid out for the use of said Town. a Town Way as follows viz

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Beginning at the Northeast corner of a Lot of Land belonging to Samuel H Allen on the Road leading from Grafton Common to Millbury and running by the Land of Said Allen and Others. South 0° 15' W. Sixteen and three fourths rods to a new Road recently Located. Leading from Grafton Common to Sutton. the Road lying East of Said line and being two Rods in Width. and laying over Land of Albert L Benchley. Said Benchley claims no damage. and none is allowed. Which Said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance. and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a Public Town Way— Dated at Grafton this twenty fifth day of October in the Year 1856

L S Pratt
L F Allen
Rufus L Witherby
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy ~~Attest~~ James W Wiite Town Clerk

The above Report having been filed in the Town Clerks Office Seven days at least before the time of presenting it to the Town— was On Motion. by Vote Accepted by the Town—

3. The Selectmen by their Chairman L S Pratt mad a Report of the Laying Out of a Road by them as follows—

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid Out for the use of Said Town a Town Way as follows viz Beginning at the Southeast corner of Land of Edward Smith. on the County Road leading from Said Grafton to Shrewsbury and running by Land of Said Smith and Others. North 82° W. Forty nine & four fifths Rods. to the Byron Lot so called near the House of J. J. Goodrich. the Road

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Lying South of Said line and being three Rods in Width and laying over Land of the Grafton Manufacturing Company. and Said Company claim no damage and none is allowed. which Said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance. and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a Public Town Way—

Dated at Grafton this twenty fifth day of Oct. in the Year 1856

L. S. Pratt
L. F. Allen
Rufus L. Witherby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

The above Report having been filed in the Town Clerks Office Seven days at least before the time of presenting it to the Town" was on motion by Vote accepted by the Town—

The Committee Chosen by the Town on the Seventh day of April. 1856 To investigate the Matter concerning the Liquor Agency of the Town as Reported by the Selectmen on that day. by their Chairman Samuel H Allen made a "Voluminous" Report which was by Vote of the Town accepted and One Thousand Copies Ordered to be Printed—
Voted that the Committee making the Report cause the Same to be Printed—.

Ebek Saunders from a Committee Chosen by the Town to Repair the Cemetery at the South part of the Town mad the following Report of their doings — viz—

The Committee appointed to make Repairs on the Cemetery and to purchase a Hearse at the South part of the Town Respectfully Submit the following Report — They have built a new Wall on the South and West Sides. an a Picket Fence five feet high on the North and East Sides. painted and Sanded the Same. They have built a Hearse House. and painted and Sanded the Same. They have purchased a Hearse. They have contracted for Stone Posts to be Set in front of the Fence on the Road Side. and the Setting a row of Evergreens around the Cemetery. The cost of building the Wall. Fence Hearse-House and painting and Sanding the Same was $178.68

" Hearse. 200. 00

Contract for Stone posts & Setting Evergreens 25. 00

Total $703.68

Drawn on Town by Committee

One Order of Fifty Dollars $50.00

" " four hundred & fifty Doll. 450.00

" " two hundred " 200

Grafton November 4th 1856 $700. 00

A True Copy

James W White
Town Clerk

L Rawson.
A Morse
Esek Saunders
Committee

On Motion the above Report was by vote of the Town accepted. —

The Committee Chosen by the Town on the Seventh day of April 1856 to make a new division of the School Money among the Several School Districts of the Town made the following Report of their doings —

Grafton April 12th 1856

We the Undersigned, a Committee chosen by the Town of Grafton to make a new Division of the Towns School Money, have taken the Subject into consideration and Report as follows to wit. To School District

No	1	We Give	22	per cent
"	2	"	5¼	"
"	3	"	6⅛	"
"	4	"	6¼	"
"	5	"	5¾	"
"	6	"	12¼	"
"	7	"	5⅛	"
"	8	"	5¾	"
"	9	"	20	"
"	10	"	6	"
"	11	"	5½	"

A M Bigelow
Charles Brigham
Levi Rawson
Benj Haywood
Hollis Chamberlain
William H Hersey
Abijah Adams
E B Knowlton
C F Smith
J B Sibley

A True Copy.
Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion the above Report was by vote of the Town accepted. and the Meeting was then dissolved

Attest James W White Town Clerk

This Agreement made this Seventh day of October AD 1856 between Thomas J Baker of Grafton. and Samuel Jennison of Worcester Witnesseth that the said Baker and Jennison have this day made a division of the partition fence between the Lands of the said Baker and Jennison in said Grafton The whole length of fence being four hundred and ninety feet, The said Baker agreeing to make and maintain the North half. two hundred and forty five feet. or one half of the whole, and the said Jennison agreeing to make and maintain the South half. two hundred and forty five feet or one half of the whole. Lawful fence --

Thos J. Baker
Sam'l Jennison.

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

This agreement made this Seventh day of October A D 1856. between Thomas J Baker of Grafton and F A Billings of Framingham Witnesseth that the said Baker and Billings have this day made a division of the partition fence between the Lands owned by the said Baker and Billings in Grafton aforesaid. the whole length of fence being two hundred and fifty four feet. the said Baker agreeing to make and maintain the West end One hundred and twenty seven feet or one half of the whole and the said Billings agreeing to make and maintain the East end One hundred and twenty seven feet or one half of the whole. lawful fence

Thos J Baker
F A Billings

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss.

At a meting of the County Commis=sioners of the County of Worcester. held at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester. on the second Tuesday of September and by adjournment on Tuesday the twenty eighth day of October A D 1856

Whereas Royal Keith and thirty One Others. Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. by their Petition have respectfully represented that they presented their petition in Writing to the Selectmen of the town of Grafton duly Signed. representing that the public convenience and necessity requires that a Town Way should be laid Out and const=ructed in Said Grafton from a point on the County road leading from Grafton to Sutton. between the Guide post at the fork of the roads next Southerly of the house of the Widow Clarke and the red house nearly Opposite the Old Baptist Meeting house so called. in an Easterly direction over Lands of Joseph and William S Bruce crosing the Road leading from New England Village to Farnums Ville Southerly of Said Guide post to a point at or near the Southwesterly End of a road built by Benchly and Eddy. thence in a Northeasterly direction to a point at or near the angle of Said road near the House of Jre Kanlahan. thence to a point on the road lead-ing from the House of Calvin W Forbush to Millbury. between Said Calvin W Forbush's house and the house Owned by Samuel H Allen on Said road next westerly of the house of George Pogue. And praying therein that Said Select=men would view the premises and lay Out locate and construct Said "Town Way"

And the petitioners further represented that after receiving Said petition Said Selectmen unreasonably refused to lay out and locate

said way. and that the petitioners are aggrieved by said decision of said Selectmen.

Wherefore they humbly pray that the County Commissioners would cause said town way to be laid out located and constructed.

Dated June 17 A D 1856

On the Petition aforesaid the County Commissioners at their meeting held at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the third Tuesday of June A D 1856 caused Notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested therein. that said Commissioners would meet at the Public House in Grafton Centre in said County on Wednesday the thirteenth day of August last past at ten of the Clock in the forenoon. by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of the Order thereon in the National Aegis. a Newspaper printed in Worcester in said County. three weeks successively. the last publication being fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. and by causing the Town Clerk of said Town of Grafton to be served by George F Slocomb a Deputy Sheriff of said County with an attested copy of said petition and Order thirty days at least. and also by posting up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said Town of Grafton fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid at which time and place the said commissioners would proceed to view the route set forth in said petition. to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who might then and there desire to be heard thereon. and if they should adjudge that the Prayer of said Petition ought to be granted. then to lay out. Locate and Establish a town way over the road afore described and to assess all such damages as any person or corporation might sustain by the

location and construction of the Town Way aforesaid

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned. and having in company with the Petitioners viewed the route set forth in said petition and heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon considered and adjudged that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted and that the common convenience and necessity of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton requires that a town way be laid out. located and constructed over the route set forth in the petition and that the Selectmen of the said Town of Grafton did unreasonably refuse to locate said road—

The County Commissioners being prevented by other engagements of a public nature from accomplishing the location forthwith postponed by adjournments all further proceedings on said petition. to meet at said Public House in Grafton Centre on Tuesday the twenty first day of October current at two of the clock in the afternoon at which time and place having again met and no person Objecting thereto— proceeded to lay out and locate a Town Road over the route set forth in said petition as hereafter described to wit— Commencing at the Easterly terminus thereof at a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground even with the surface and numbered 1 on the top. and bearing from the Northwest corner of the dwelling house of Calvin W Forbush North. 10° 15' West. and 5 rods and 17½ links distant therefrom. Standing on the Southerly line of the location. and in or near the the westerly line of the road leading from the dwelling house of Calvin W Forbush to Millbury. Thence in Grafton and Over Land belonging to said Town of Grafton

known as Grafton Common North 89°-30' West 3 rods and 22 links to Stake No 2. Thence over land belonging to said Town of Grafton the same course 2 rods and 7 links to Land of Silas A Pierce. from Stone Monument No 1 to the termination of the last described distance the whole Location is over Land belonging to said Town of Grafton.—

Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 13 links to Stake No 3. Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 4 Rods to Stake No 4 Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 5 Rods and 16 Links. From a point 13 links Easterly of Stake No 3 to a point 5 Rods and 16 links Westerly of Stake No 4 a portion of the location on the Southerly Side is over Land of Silas A Pierce and a portion of the location on the northerly Side is over Land belonging to the Evangelical Congregational Society, a Corporation in said Town of Grafton. The remainder of the Location in the center is over Land dedicated to the publick and claimed by Silas A Pierce.—

Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 2 Links to Stake No 5. Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 4 Rods and three links to Stake No 6. Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 1 Rod and four Links to Land of Calvin W Forbush. From a point 2 Links Easterly of Stake No 5 to a point 1 Rod and 4 Links Westerly of Stake No 6. a portion of the Location on the Southerly Side is over Land of Silas A Pierce the remainder of the Location is over a Road built by Benchley and Eddy and dedicated to the Public. Thence over Land of Calvin W Forbush the same course 2 Rods and 24 Links to Stake No 7. Thence over Land of Calvin W Forbush the same Course 4 Rods and 19 Links to Stake No 8. Thence over Land of Calvin W Forbush the same Course 4 Rods and 19 Links to Land of

James G Putnam. From a point 1 Rod and four Links Westerly of Stake No 6. to a point 4 Rods and 19 Links Westerly of Stake No 8 a small portion of the Location on the Southerly Side is over Land of Calvin W Furbush. the remainder of the Location is over said Road built by Benchly and Eddy- Thence over Land of James G Putnam the same course 4 links to Stake No 9- Thence over Land of James G Putnam the same course 3 Rods and 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground even with the Surface and Numbered 10- Standing in front of a dwelling house now being built by James G Putnam and Supposed to be in the Southerly line of said Road built by said Benchly and Eddy; and so admitted by said James G Putnam. From a point 1 Links Easterly of Stake No 9 to Stone Monument No 10. a small portion of the Location on the Southerly Side is over Land of James G Putnam the remainder of the Location is over said Road built by Benchly and Eddy. Thence South 89°-25' West Supposed to be over the Southerly Line of said Road built by Benchly and Eddy 4 Rods and 22 Links to Stake No 11. Thence continuing over said Southerly Line of said Road built by Benchly and Eddy the same course 4 Rods and 12 Links to Stake No 12. Thence the same cours 3 Rods and 16 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground even with the Surface and numbered 13- Thence South 87°-5' West 2 rods and 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground and numbered 14- Thence South 80° 55' West 2 Rods and 14 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbeded in the ground and Numbered 15- Thence South 74° 35' West 2 Rods and 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbeded in the ground and numbered 16. Thence South 68° 35' West 3 rods to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbeded in the Ground and numbered 17- Thence South 67° 40' West 3 rods and 16 Links

to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 18 Thence South 66° 35' West 2 Rods and 21 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 19. Thence South 65° 10' West 3 rods and 1 Link to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 20. Thence South 60° West 2 rods and 11 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 21. Thence South 56° West. 3 rods and 16 Links to a hole drilled in a rock and numbered 22- Thence South 50° 45' West. 2 rods and 18 Links to a hole drilled in a rock and numbered 23. Thence South 45° 30' West 2 Rods and 8 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 24. Thence South 40° 5' West. 2 rods and 15 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 25. Thence South 34° 35' West. 2 rods and 10 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 26. Thence South 33° West 4 rods and 22 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 27- Thence South 30° 55' West 2 rods and 21 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 28- Thence South 28° 30' West. 2 rods and 7 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 29- Thence South 26° West 2 rods and 12 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 30- Thence South 21° 10' West. 3 rods and 17 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 31- Thence South 18° 30' West 4 rods and 11 Links to Stake No 32 Thence the Same course 4 rods and 24 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 33-

Thence South 16° 35' West 4 rods and 19 Links to a hole drilled in a rock and numbered 34 Thence South 14° 05' West 16 Links to Land of Joseph and William S Bruce. From Stone Monument No 10 to a point 16 Links Southwesterly of Rock No 34 the Location is Supposed to be over Said Road built by Benchly and Eddy But as no definite Line of Said Road was Shown the Commissioners, a Small portion of the Location at certain points and in certain places on the Southerly and Southwesterly Side may be over the following Owners of Land abutting thereon- (Viz) James G Putnam. Albert L Benchly, The Catholic Society and Abram - Bigelow. And on the Northerly and Northwesterly Side a Small portion of the Location may at certain points and in certain places be over the following owners of Land abuting thereon (Viz). Edward Fahey. Jere Hanahan Royal Keith and Patrick Canlon. Thence over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce South 14° 05' West 4 Links. At the Southwesterly end. the Whole Location and terminating in a point at the Northeasterly end on the Southeastly Side. is over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce. The remainder of the Location is Supposed to be over Said Road built by Benchly and Eddy. But a Small portion of the Location on the Northwesterly Side may be over Land of Patrick Canlon. Thence continuing over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce the Same course 3 rods and 7 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 35- Thence South 10° 40' West 3 rods and 18 Links to Stake Nº 36. Thence the Same course 2 Rods and 14 Links to Stake Nº 37 Thence the Same course 2 Rods and 12 links to Stake No 38. Thence the Same course 2 Rods and 11 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground and numbered 39-

Thence South 19° West 2 rods and 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 40. Thence South 24° 40' West 3 Rods and 15 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 41. Thence South 29° 30' West 2 Rods and 24 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 42. Thence South 34° 15' West 3 rods and 11 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 43. Thence South 38° West 3 rods and 14 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 44 Thence South 40° 35' West 3 rods and 23 links to Stake No. 45. Thence the Same course 3 rods and 2 links to Stake No 46. Thence the Same course 3 rods and 1 Link to Stake No 47 Thence the Same course 2 rods. From a point 3 rods and 7 links Northeasterly of Stone Monument No 35 to the termination of the Last described distance the whole Location is over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce. Thence the Same course over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce 1 rod and 9 links to Stake No 48 and to the Easterly line of the County road leading from Farmums bill to New England Village. At the North Easterly end the whole Location and terminating in a point at the Southwesterly end on the Southwesterly Side the Location is Over Land of Joseph and William S Bruce. The remainder of the Location is over Said County Road. Thence croping Said County Road diagonally the Same course 2 rods and 17 Links. The Location throughout this dis distance is Over Said County Road and the county Road leading from Grafton to Sutton. Thence crossing Said County Road from Leading from Farmums bill to New England Village the Same course 10 links to Stake No 49 Thence crossing Said County Road diagonally the Same course 1 rod and

13 Links to Land of Joseph and William S Bruce
At a point 10 Links Northeasterly of Stake No 49
60 Links. at Stake No 49-58 Links wide and termi=
=inating in a point 1 Rod and 13 Links Southwest=
erly of Stake No 49. On the Southeasterly Side the
Location is over the County Road Leading from
Sammumsville to New England Village. At a point
1 Rod and 13 Links Southwesterly of Stake No 49-
25 links at Stake No 49-17 Links. and at a
point 10 Links Northeasterly of Stake No 49
15 Links Wide. On the North Westerly Side the Loca-
tion is over the County Road leading from
Grafton to Sutton. The remainder of the Loca=
=tion in the center is over Land of Joseph and
William S Bruce. Thence over Land of Joseph
and William S Bruce the same course 1 Rod
and 17 Links to Stake No 50. Thence over Land of
Joseph and William S Bruce the same course
3 rods and 8 Links to Stake No 51 Thence over
Land of Joseph and William S Bruce the same
course 2 Rods and 8 Links to Stake No 52. Thence
the same course over Land of Joseph and William
S Bruce the — 5 rods and 13 Links to a hole drilled
in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground
and numbered 53. At a point 1 rod and 17 Links
Northeasterly of Stake No 50- 50 Links and at Stake
No 50-43 Links- At Stake No 51- 32 Links. At Stake
No 52-18 Links and at Stone Monument No 53
5 links Wide. on the South Easterly Side; the
Location is over Land of Joseph and William
S Bruce. The remainder of the Location on the
Northwesterly Side is Over Said County Road leading
from Grafton to Sutton. Said Stone Monument
No 53 is at the Southwesterly terminus of the Location
of Said New Town Road —
Said Road is in its Whole Length 182 Rods and 10
Links. and is Located three rods wide. and on
the Northerly and Northwesterly Side of the

aforesaid Mates and Bounds and adjoining thereto. The Horse Sheds belonging to the following Persons - Viz, Ethan R Thompson. Edward B Bigelow John Putnam, Jonathan R Sibley. Joseph Kimball. George W Putnam and Elijah Kimball, Standing between Stake No 4. and Stake No 5 project into the Location on the Northerly Side in such a manner as materially to interfere with the construction and use of said Road and are hereby ordered to be removed from the Location - The County Commissioners having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein in relation to damages. who expressed a desire to be heard thereon. Considered and adjudged that the following Sums be paid by the Town of Grafton to the Several persons hereafter named. in full compensation for all damage which they will sustain in consequence of the Location and construction of said Road (viz)

To	Silas A Bruce	$500.
"	Calvin W Hurbush	50.
"	Joseph and William S Bruce	202.
"	Ethan R Thompson	35.
"	Edward B Bigelow	35.
"	John Putnam	35.
"	Jonathan B Sibley	35.
"	Joseph Kimball	35.
"	George W Putnam	35.
"	Elijah Kimball	35

James G Putnam relinquishes all claim to damages. and none is awarded him. The Evangelical Congregational Society in the Opinion of the Commissioners Sustain no damage and none is awarded them —
And said Bunkly and Eddy in the Opinion of the Commissioners Sustain no damage and none is awarded them —

And no other person in the Opinion of the Com-
-missioners Sustain any damage —
Amounting in all to $99.00

And now it is ordered that the Said Town of Grafton
cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits
of said Town of Grafton to be worked, made and compl-
-eted in the most faithful and workmanlike man-
-ner and as follows to wit — The said road must
be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is prac-
-ticable and thoroughly cleared of Stones Stumps
and roots. The top Soil where it is unsuitable
for making a hard and permanent road must
be removed out of the traveled Way or may be
used in embankment if it be so placed as not to
be within twelve inches of the Surface of the road
when finished. Where the materials within
the traveled part of the Road are unsuitable
for making a hard and durable road. and the
Subsoil under the same is of a loamy clayey
character. a top covering of at least Eight inches
of good Gravel or some other good material.
(the best that can be obtained in the vicinity
whether within or without the location of the road)
will be required over the whole width of 20 feet
for the traveled part of the road. Where the Subsoil
is Sand. the traveled part of the road after
being properly graded must be uniformly
covered over its whole width with a coat of loam
four inches thick. and afterwards with a top
covering of eight inches of good gravel or some
other good material Spread evenly over its whole
Surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned
from the Exterior of the Sides of the traveled part
thereof to its centre to the height of fifteen inches -
And the traveled part thereof must be worked to
the width of 20 feet Exclusive of the Side Slopes and
of the ditches. So that carriages and teams

may pass with Safety and convenience over any and every part of the Twenty feet aforesaid—
The Said traveled part of the road must be worked in the centre of, and parallel to its location without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road. Except near its angles which must be judiciously rounded so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable——
In grading the road care must be exercised to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or decent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned—
The Side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of twenty feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of Said road two and a half feet at an angle of twenty four degrees or two and a half feet Slope to one foot rise. To be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road: they must be worked parallel with the centre line or longitudinal Axis of the traveled part of the road without unnecessary curvatures in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even Surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in Such a manner that no water can permanantly Stand by the road-Side. Over Swamps or Meadow Land where the road is made by embankment and is liable from its weight to Settle or Sink through the mud the Side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the Sides of hills where the road is made partly by embankments and partly by excavation the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the edge of

the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the centre, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite Level. Where the road is constructed by embank-ment, and in such a manner as to require railing it must be raised on the sides of the traveled part. Eight inches above the chord or base line thereof. All sides of Excavations or embank-ments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line or two feet Slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substan-tially railed where railing is necessary for the Safety and convenience of the traveler. The railing must consist of Straight handsome Chestnut or cedar poles not less in any part than Six inches in diameter and be securely fastened with iron bolts to Stone posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from centre to centre. Where the sides of the embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well laid Stone walls Stones two feet high above the face of the road and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the Stone posts aforesaid.
All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the Summit or top of some one of the Stone supports aforesaid by chamfering the joining ends of each of said Poles at least one foot in length in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the centre of said Joining or Splicing. Or a Stone wall built in

a Substantial and workman like manner two and one half feet high above the face of the road and placed on a good bank wall may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing the road if constructed of earth Slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than three feet within the edge of the Slope of the embankment, and without in any manner Obstructing or interfereing with said ~~feet~~ for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with Substantial well laid Stone walls instead of earth Slopes before mentioned (and where the material can be obtained at a reasonable expense this kind of Structure will be required) the road need be worked to no greater width than twenty four feet on the top or face of the embankment to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All Bridges must be constructed with Substantial well laid Stone abutments and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material and a crowning of the road of Eight inches in additions except the Span of Arch or Arches of a bridge each exceed three feet in the clear when it may be covered with good Chestnut or White Oak ~~Three~~ inch Plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank, a continuous range of large flat Stones must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against injury from wheels in their passage to and from

said Bridge. All Bridges must be made twenty four feet long measured at right angles with the direction of the road and be substantially and properly railed to the height of 2½ feet and to the width of not less than 20 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge and be measured in the same manner with good firm straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart and 15 inches high and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned eight inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts or farm Bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road as hereafter described and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners their heirs or assigns in good repair and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveled. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling house where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank there of nearest said house in the best shape for placing in a bank wall, if the owner of said house shall so elect otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said house or the appurtenances thereto. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling house it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said house in such

manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said house as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be.

Trees that have been planted and reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent are not to be removed or injured unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. Watering places by the road side where they can be made furnish so much comfort to animals and teams passing thereon and so many conveniences to travelers themselves that the commissioners presume to solicit the attention of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to this subject, persuaded that a Town cannot exhibit a spirit of of liberality to the public more acceptably at as inconsiderable expense than by provisions of this kind for which its own citizens will be amply remunerated by the convenience and accommodation thereby furnished to themselves.

And it is further ordered that the grading of said Town Road aforesaid which is within the Town of Grafton be so worked as not in any place to excede the angles of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The grade pins are all placed in the centre of the location, are all driven down to near the surface of the earth, and the summits or tops of said pins are the points of measurement for ascertaining the amount of Excavation or embankment, the summits or tops of those pins are at grade in connexion with the line of inclination, represent the base of the travelled part of the road-

and the crowning of fifteen inches required by this Order is in all cases to be considered as placed on or above the tops or Summits of said pins and line-. The grade pins that are mentioned in this description as being numbered have a Stake driven by the side of them bearing the same number as the Side Stake opposite said grade pin and accompanying Stake

The admeasurements is given in feet and the decimal part of a foot. And said gracing is as follows to wit-

Commencing at the easterly termenus. at grade pin No 1 Standing 37½ links Northerly of Stone monument N°. 1. and in the centre of the Location. thence Westerly from a point 0.50 ft. under the Surface of the Earth at pin N°. 1. to a point 0,75 ft. under the Surface of the Earth at pin N°2. the inclination is 1° 05' Descending— At pin N°1 Excavate 0,50 ft. at N°2 Excavate 0,75 ft. From a point 0,75 ft. under the Surface of the Earth at pin N°2. to a point 2.00 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin N° 3. the Inclination is 2° 30' Descending At pin N° 3 Excavate 2.00 ft. From a point 2.00 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin N° 3 to a point 0,75 ft in air vertical at pin N° 5. the Inclination is 3° 22' Descending. At pin No 4. Excavate 0,78 ft. at N°5 Embank 0,75 ft. From a point 0,75 ft. in air vertical at pin N°5 to a point 0,50 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin N°. 7. the inclination is 4° 15' Descending. At pin N° 6 Excavate 0.60 ft. at N° 7. Excavate 0,50 ft— From a point 0,50 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin N° 7. to a point 0,50 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin No 11 the Inclination is 4° 40' Descen=-ding. At pin N° 8 Excavate 0,72 ft at N° 9 Excavate 0,43 ft at N° 10. Excavate 0,50 ft. at N° 11. Excavate 0,50 ft. From a point 0,50 ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin N° 11 to a point 1.00 under the Surface of the Earth at pin N° 13. the Inclination is 4° Descending. At pin N° 12 Excavate 0.59 ft at N° 13 Excavate 1.00 ft. From a point 1.00 ft under the Surface

of the Earth at pin No 13. to a point 0,75ft in air
vertical at pin No 14. the Inclination is 3° 15' Descending
At pin No 14 Excavate 0,77ft. at No 15 Excavate 0,49ft.
at No 16 Embank 0,25ft at No 17 Embank 0,75ft.
From a point 0,75ft in air vertical at pin No 17. to
a point 1,00ft under the Surface of the Earth at
pin No 20 the Inclination is 2° 55' Descending—
At pin No 18. Embank 0,81ft. at No 19 Excavate 0,13ft
at No 20 Excavate 1,00ft. From a point 1,00ft under
the Surface of the Earth at pin No 20. to a point
1,00ft under the Surface of the Earth at pin No 24
the Inclination is 1° 50' Descending. At pin No 21
Excavate 0,64ft. at No 22. Excavate 0,34ft. at No 23.
Excavate 0,37ft At No 24. Excavate 1,00ft From
a point 1,00ft. under the Surface of the Earth
at pin No 24. to pin No 27. at grade. the Inclination
is 2° Decending. At pin No 25 Excavate 1,02ft
At No 26. Excavate 0,76ft. Pin No 27. is at grade
From pin No 27. at grade to a point 1,00ft in air
vertical at Pin No 31. the Inclination is 3° 30' Dese-
nding. At Pin No 28 Excavate 0,20ft At No 29
Excavate 0,38ft. At No 30 Embank 0,57ft. At No 31
Embank 1,00ft From a point 1,00ft. in air vert-
-icle at pin No 31 to pin No 33 at grade the inclin-
ation is 3°-40' Descending. At pin No 32 Embank
0,23ft. Pin No 33 is at grade. From Pin No 33 at
grade to a point 0,65ft. in air vertical at pin No 42
the inclination is 4° Descending. At pin No 34
Excavate 1,07ft. at No 35 Excavate 2,37ft at No 36
Excavate 4,47ft at No 37 Excavate 2,69ft. at No 38
Excavate 1,32ft. at No 39 Embank 1,61ft. at No 40
Embank 3,59ft at No 41 Embank 1,85ft. at No 42
Embank 0,65ft. From a point 0,65ft in air vertical
at pin No 42 to a point 1,35ft. under the Surface
of the Earth at pin No 43. the inclination is 4°,15
Descending. at pin No 43 Excavate 1,35ft. From
a point 1,35ft. under the Surface of the Earth
at pin No 43. to a point 0,94ft in air vertical

at pin N° 18 the Inclination is 4° 40' Descending.
At pin N° 44. Excavate 2,82ft. at N° 45 Excavate 3.76ft
at N° 46 Excavate 2,00ft. at N° 47 Embank 0,64ft. at
N° 48. Embank 0,94ft. From a point 0,94ft in air
Vertical at pin N° 48. to a point 0,49ft under the
Surface of the Earth at pin N° 49 the Inclination
is 2° Descending. At pin N° 49 Excavate 0,49ft.
From a point 0,49ft under the Surface of the
Earth at pin N° 49. to a point 0,87ft under the
Surface of the Earth at pin N° 53. it is Level —
At pin N° 50 Excavate 2,36ft. at N° 51 Excavate 1,24ft
at N° 52 Excavate 0,,05ft. at N° 53 Excavate 0,87ft Pin N° 53
is at the Southwesterly terminus an in the centre
of the now traveled road and 37½ Links distant
from Stone Monument N° 53.
And it is further ordered that all other roads
croping, intersecting, or connecting with the road
aforesaid. be so raised or lowered, and so widened
at the points of intersection and connections
therewith. as to render them perfectly Safe and con-
venient for the traveler —
And it is further Ordered that the term of Sixty days
be allowed the Owners of Land over which said
road is Located to remove their Wood. timber
and trees thereon Standing lying or growing —
And it is further ordered that the said Town
of Grafton cause the Town Road aforesaid to be
worked and made hard. Safe and convenient
for travelers to pass over with their cattle horses
teams. carts and carriages. And that it be
made and completed by the Town of Grafton
before the first day of July. A.D. 1857 — to the
acceptance of the County Commissioners —
And it is further Ordered that the term of
Ninety days be allowed the Owners of Sheds to
remove the same from the Location —
And it is further Ordered that a copy of
the Location and Order of construction

be transmitted to the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton. there by him to be recorded in the Towns Book of Records. for the information of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. and that said Road. may be forever known and maintained as a Town. Road ——

Bonum Nye
Asaph Wood County Commissioners
Zadok A Gafford

A Copy
Attest Wm Smith A.A Clerk

A True Copy Received at half past ten oclock. A M. December 1st A D 1856

Attest James W White Town Clerk

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Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifteenth day of December Current at One Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To See what Method the Town will adopt to build or cause to be built the "Town Road" recently Laid Out by the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester—

3d To See What action if any the Town will take with regard to the damages assessed by the County Commissioners in Laying Out the aforesaid Town Road—

4th To See what action the Town will take in relation to the Report of the Committee on the affairs of the Liquor Agency, and act thereon as petitioned for by John W Slocomb and others—

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses in the Center of said Town and at the Meetinghouses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Sanders Village, to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of December in the Year of Our Lord

one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six

L. S. Pratt
Luke F. Allen
Rufus L. Witherby
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

December 6th 1856

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses as therein directed

James W White Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of Warrant and return thereon

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton December 15th AD 1856

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall at One Oclock P.M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrent. the following proceedings were had to wit——

1st By Ballot Chose Charles Brigham Moderator

2d Voted to choose a Committee of three to cause the "Town Road" recently laid out and located by the County Commissioners within the Town of Grafton. to be built in accordance with the Order of said County Commissioners—

Voted that the Moderator appoint Said Committee— The Moderator appointed the following persons for said Committee viz Lewis Holbrook. Caleb Saunders and A. M. Bigelow. Who were by Vote of the Town accepted as such—

Voted to pass over the 3d article in the Warrant—

Art 21. was then taken up and a motion made by John W Slocomb. "to refer the Report back to the Committee with instructions to Settle with Mr Pierce." E B Bigelow mooved an amendment to the motion so as to refer the Report to the Selectmen instead of the Committee - Mr Slocomb "protested" against the amendment and after a long debate the Motion on the amendment was put and declared to be carried in the affirmative. The vote was doubted - and the house Divided. Those in favor of the amendmen upon being counted were found to be fifty five 55

Those opposed to the amendment were found to be thirty Eight 38. So the amendment was declared to be carried --

On Motion voted to dissolve this Meeting

A true Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Westboro, met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westboro. that being the most ancient Town. for the purpose of perambulating the lines and renewing the marks between said Towns. and having attended to that Service. make the following return Viz Beginning at a Stone Monument erected at the corner of Grafton Upton & Westboro thence N. 1¼° W Four hundred and Sixty three Rods to a Stone Erected on Land of Benj. Nourse. thence N 87½ W. three hundred and fifty two rods to a Stone erected at an angle. thence N. 51¼° W. thirty three Rods to a Stone at an angle. thence N. 8½ W. Eighteen Rods to a Stone erected at an angle. thence N. 28½° W to an angle on the North Side of the Road thence N 21¼ E Seventy Rods to a Stone Erected in the wall. thence No 45° W. thirty one Rods to a Stone erected at the corner of Grafton Westboro and Shrewsbury.

Dated this 14 Day of October A D 1856

Benj Kingsbury
Jon L. S Pratt
Rufus L Witherby
} Selectmen of Grafton

Charles P Rice
Joel Forbush
} Selectmen of Westboro

A True Copy ~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Grafton and Millbury met at Stone Monument westerly of the House of Lewis Holbrook for the purpose of Perambulating the Boundary line between the aforesaid Towns and have discharged that duty by examining the Monuments at both the angles of said Boundary Line and we find them in good condition. In witness thereof -

(Over)

We have this day Signed duplicates—
Grafton Oct. 29th 1856.

L. N Leland
Rufus L Wetherby
Joseph Robbins
Oliver Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton —
} Selectmen of Millbury —

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the Selectmen of Shrewsbury and Grafton met agreeable to notice from the Selectmen of Shrewsbury at the corner of Grafton Westboro and Shrewsbury for the purpose of Perambulating the Boundary Lines between the aforesaid Towns and have performed that Service by Examining the Monuments and renewing the marks upon them at the Several Angles of Said Boundary Line. There are 27 Monuments. all of which are in good condition —

E Wheelock
F A Sawyer
L N Leland
Rufus L Wetherby
} Selectmen of Shrewsbury
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester. ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of March next at 9 Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit —

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing —

3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon —

4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon —

5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon —

6th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon —

7th To determine the manner of Repairing the Highways Town Ways and Bridges the ensuing Year —

8th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Year ensuing and make Appropriations of the Same and act thereon —

9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of the River-Side Cemetery and act thereon —

10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon —

11th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and

paid to the Treasurer. and fix the Compensation of the Collector and act thereon —

12th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead and act thereon ——

13th To See if the Town will authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their Respective Districts and act thereon

14th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be Rung at 12 M. and 9 Oclock P M — and act Thereon —

15th To See if the Town will Establish a High School or Act Thereon

16th To See what compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the Ensuing and act thereon

17 To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committees and act thereon ——

18th To accept Town Debts —

19th To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay a Note of three thousand Dollars. due to the State Treasurer. or act Thereon —

20th To hear the Report of the Collector and act Thereon

21st To See if the Town will accept a List of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act Thereon —

22 To See if the Town will make a more Equal distribution of the Public School money among the Sevral School districts or act Thereon —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an ~~attested~~ copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farmumsville and Saunders village. to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said meeting —

(over)

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven -

L. S. Pratt,
L. F. Allen
L. N. Leland
J. A. Buffum
R. L. Witherby

Selectmen of Grafton -

Worcester ss -
February 20th 1857 -
I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up attested copy thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses as therein directed
Attest James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy -
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 2d 1857 -
The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held their annual Meeting, in the Town Hall in said Grafton this day pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and the following proceedings were had, to wit.
1st By Ballot Chose Liberty Wood Moderator -
2. Prayer by Rev H C Biscoe -
art 2. On motion Voted to bring in the Votes for Town Clerk, Selectmen Assessors Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, General School Committee and Constables on One Ballot as they were printed -

By Ballot made unanimous choise of (223 vote
James W White for Town Clerk. who was Sworn
to the faithful discharge of the duties of his
Office By Liberty Wood. Moderator of the Meeting—

By Ballot Chose

Luke F Allen	Sworn March 2. 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
Rodney Leland	Sworn March 2 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
George F Slocomb	Sworn March 2 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
S. E. Goulding	Sworn March 4th 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
Horace Batchellor.	Sworn March 4th 1857 By J W White Town Clerk—

for Selectmen for the year ensuing ——

By Ballot chose

Gilbert C Taft	Sworn March 4th 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
J H Wood &	Sworn March 3 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
S B Dolliver	

for Assessors for the Year Ensuing—

By Ballot Chose

E R Thompson	Accepted March 4th 1857
Frederick Waterman &	Accepted March 3 1857
E K Pratt	Accepted March 4th 1857—

for Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing—

By Ballot chose Augustus Slocomb Treasurer for the Year ensuing. he was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th 1857. Before J W White Town Clerk—

By Ballot chose

F McIntire.
William F Wheeler &
Chas Bryant

for General School Committee for the ensuing Year

By Ballot Chose

Geo. F. Slocomb	Sworn March 5th 1857 by J W White Town Clerk
W. D. Wheeler	Sworn March 3 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
J. W. White	Sworn March 2 1857. By R C Warren Justice of Peace
H. B. Fairbanks	Sworn March 2 1857 By J W White. Town Clerk
Walter Forehand	Sworn March 4th 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
Barnabas Newton	Sworn March 2 1857 By J W White Town Clerk
Nelson Ferry Jr.	Sworn March 4th 1857 By J W White Town Clerk

for Constables for the Year ensuing -

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and voted to accept the first five pages of the Selectmens Report as Printed -

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant and voted to accept the Treasurers Report as Printed -

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant and voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed -

A motion was made to "accept" the Report of the Selectmen. on the "Liquor Agency" as Printed. Upon taking the Vote. the Moderator declared the Motion carried in the affirmative. the Vote was doubted and a division of the "House" was called for and Ordered. and while the "House" was being divided a motion was made that the Report be read--- after Some debate upon the Propriety or Impropriety of entertaining Such a Motion at that Stage of the proceedings it was Voted that the Report be Read— and it was accordingly Read by the Town Clerk— A motion was then made to refer the Report to the new Board of Selectmen. and upon a Vote being taken upon the motion. it was declared carried in the affirmative. the Vote was doubted— the House divided. and the Motion was not carried. It was then Voted to accept the Report as Pointed -

A motion was then made to reconsider the vote whereby the Report of the Selectmen on the Liquor Agency was adopted. which motion was not carried the vote being not to Reconsider

"The first five pages" of the "Selectmens Report" which was "accepted as Printed" is as follows—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town at the close of the Official Year ending March 1st 1857—

They have Settled with Augustus Slocomb. Treasurer of Said Town and find his account correct. and as follows—

Dr—

To Amount in hands of Treasurer.		1854.78
Cash Rec'd of G F Slocomb collector of State		
County and Town Taxes		15.642,80
" Cash Rec'd from State School fund		174.87
" " " " Treasurer for taking Census		84.00
" Interest on C Singletarys Note		60,00
" for Support of State Paupers		44.62
" of Charles Brigham (Overseer of the Poor for 1854)		16.57
" of State Treasurer for a/c of Military for		207 00
" " " for Armory Rent		30 00
" H D P Bigelow, Collector for 1854.		129,09
" J A Buffum. old Lumber Sold		4 34
" B Newton dividend on R B Potters Note		19 63
		18287,70

Cr.

By paying Town Note to State Treasurer		4000.00
" " Interest on Town Note		481 67
" " State Tax of 1856		1494.00
" " County Tax of 1856		1890,57
" " Support of Common Schools for	1855	208,66
" " " " "	1856	2887.77
" " High School	1855	1600

By paying for Support of Highschool for 1856.	320.28
" " for breaking out Roads winter of 1855-6	993.52
" " Overseers of the Poor Expenses for 1855-6	620 00
" " Chief Engineer for 1855	50 00
" " " " " 1856	80,00
" " Engine Co No 1	215 00
" " " " " 2	150 00
" " " " " 3	120,00
" " General School Committee for Services for 1855	125 00
" " Expts of Opposing proposed New Town of Riverton	403 40
" " Assessors for Services for 1856	143 08
" " C Saunders for building New Bridge	500 00
" " J A Buffum and Others for Repairs of Bridge	218 78
" " W^m Wheeler for Special Repairs of Highway	25,00
" " L N Leland " " "	40,00
" " J M Newton " " "	50 00
" " J W Stowe " " "	90.00
" " E P Dennis " " "	382.80
" " L S Pratt " " "	157,62
" " Joseph Bruce for Gravel	25,15
" " Military Company	207 00
" " G. F Slocomb for collecting Taxes	156.43
" " Samuel Hall for burying the Dead	2450
" " C. B Jinks " " "	3500
" " Josiah Hall " " "	1400
" " Selectmen of 1855 for Services	100,65
" " J W White for Recording Births and Deaths copying Records Bills Stationary &C:	258.14
" " Order of General School committee for Maps	45 00
" " J McIntire for Printing Gen School Com^y Report	3550
" " S L Jacobs for damage on Waggon	2,00
" " J Warren for Armory rents	75,00
" " H J Howland for Printing Reports	20,23
" " Keith & Co for Stationary	325
" " Bounds for New Road & Casting Same	11 25
" " J F Redding for Setting Glass in Town Hall	2,67
" C C Wood for Services as Surveyor	4,50

over

Cr. Continued.

By paying McQuinby for Stakes for New Road	2,00
" " L. S. Pratt for mowing Brush in old burying ground &	6,12
" " L. F. Spring for Ringing Bell	20,00
" " J. M. Sargent for taking care of Town Hall &c	8,25
" " Winthrop Faulkner, bill for printing Liquor Reports	11,75
" State Lunatic Hospital for Sup. of Mrs S. W. Smith for '55	58,50
" " " " " " '56	143,00
" " " " R. A. Johnson	79,58
" " " " Susan L. Wheelock	144,60
" Guide Boards and posts	13,30
" Abatement on Over tax	106,69
" " Illegal Tax	140,39
Order on Abatements	10,20
" Insurance premiums on Poor Farm Buildings	14,50
" Interest on Selectmens Notes	95,75
	17,695,35

Whole Amount of Receipts	18287.70
Amount of Expenditures	17695 35

Resources of the Town—

Amount in hands of Treasurer		592,35
" " " H. D. P. Bigelow, Collector for	1854	221,28
" " " G. F. Slocomb " "	1855	38,64
" " " " " "	1856	144,31
Amount A. C. Singletary's Note		1000.00
Town Farm and buildings thereon		6000 00
Personal Property belonging to Poor Farm		2433 37
Three Fire Engines and fixtures		3475,00
Three Engine Houses		2000,00
Amount of balance due from Liquor Agent		96.16
Liquor Casks & Measures		257,47
		16026 55

Liabilities. Note to State Treasurer dated March 7th 1850 " 3000,00

Balance of assets Over Liabilities 13026,55

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted. L. S. Pratt

L. F. Allen L. N. Leland W. A. Buffum. R. L. Wetherby

Selectmen of Grafton.

and Lt The Town Treasurers Report which was "Accepted as Printed" is as follows - viz

Cr. Town of Grafton in Account with Augustus Slocomb
1856 Treasurer

March 1st	By amount of Cash on hand		1854.78
April 21	. Cash Received from B Newton. Dividend on R B Potters Note		19 63
"	29 Cash received on Selectmens Note		1469 25
July	8 " " " "		1469 25
"	12 " " of State Treasurer for School funds		174 87-
"	" " " " " for Taking Census 1855		84 00
"	16 " " for Interest on Elisha Clarys Note		60 00
Aug.	30 " " On Selectmens Note		1481 50
Sept	13 " " for Support of State Paupers.		44 62
"	22 " " On Selectmens Note		1484,25
Nov	4 " " G. F. Slocomb Collector. 1856.		11876.39
"	5 " " Chas Brigham (Overseer of poor 1854)		16,57
"	28. " " G F Slocomb Collector 1856		2500.00
1857 Jany	8 " " " " "		700.00
"	28. " " State Treasurer on Acct of Military Co.		207.00
Feb	7 " " " " Armory for Do		50,00
"	23. " " G. F. Slocomb Collector 1856		165,95
"	25 " " H D P Bigelow Collector 1854		129.09
"	" " " " G F Slocomb Collector 1855		30,75
"	" " " " " " 1856		369.71
	J A Buffum		434
			$24,191,95

Dr Town of Grafton in account with Augustus-
1856 + Slocomb Treasurer

March	3. To paying Assessors Order to Aaron Elliot for Overtax		1,50
"	4 " " Selectmens Order No 1 to J M Newton		74,02
"	5 " " " " 2 to J M Marble		77 54
"	6 " " " " 3 to L S Pratt		100,65
"	" " " " " 4 to E P Dennis		55 48
"	7 " " Interest on Note to State Treasurer		143 00
"	" " " Selectmens Order No 5 to J B Leland		64,50
"	8 " " " " No 6 to Rufus Prentice		72 39

March 8th 1856	To paying	Selectmens Order No 7	To W H Hersey		20.74
" "	"	"	8	To Nelson Ferry	12,50
" "	"	"	9	To W J Barker	76,07
March 11	To paying	Selectmens Order No 10	To S W Putnam		86,37
" 12	"	"	11	To J M Sargent	8,25
" 13	"	"	12	To C Patrick	47.47
" 15	"	"	13	To A W Rice	50,00
" 21	"	Assessors Order	To Grafton Manf Co	over to 1853.	9,36
" 26	"	Selectmens Order No	14	To A P Gage	80,00
" 28	"	"	15	To J R Harrington	80 00
" 31	"	"	16	To Erastus Fisher	208 96
" "	"	"	17	To Otis Adams	64,65
April 1st	"	"	18	To Francis Spring	20,00
" 2	"	"	19	To H J Howland	20,23
" "	"	"	20	To Jona Warren	75,00
" 7	"	"	21	To J Keith & Co	3,25
" 8	"	"	22	To C L Mitchell	4,00
" "	"	"	23	To Otis Adams	17.19
" 9	"	"	24	To Rufus Prentice	25,39
" "	"	"	25	To Charles Goddard	4 63
" "	"	"	26	To Willis Works	34 50
" 10	"	"	27	To J H Whitney	7.93
" 11	"	"	28	To W H Hersey	2,50
" 16	"	"	29	To E P Dennis	25 45
" 25	"	"	30	To J D Wheeler	50,00
" 26	"	"	31	To Wm Newton	40 25
" "	"	"	32	To A W Rice	350,00
" "	"	"	33	To Benj Heywood	18,25
May 10	"	"	34	To J Winton	50.79
" "	"	"	35	To J L Jacobs	2,00
" "	"	"	36	To Chas Brigham	14 38
" "	"	"	37	To J M Newton	44.97
" 16	"	Interest on note of $4000 - 6 mo	To State Treasurer		120.00
" 20	"	Selectmens Order No	38	To J D Wheeler	515 00
" 28	"	"	39	To J McIntire	35,50
June 9	"	"	40	To Luke Leland	180,40
" "	"	"	41	To Jos Willard	10 81
" 23	"	"	42	To J S Nelson	3300

1856 June 24	To paying Selectmens Order	№ 43 to L S Pratt			148 35
" 28	"	"	"	44 to Jos. Adams	38,00
July 1	"	"	"	45 to M Brown	45,00
" "	"	"	"	46 to P Putnam	2,50
" 2.	"	"	"	47 to J W Brown	44,00
" "	"	"	"	48 to J M Harrington	200 00
" 3	"	"	"	49 to J D Wheeler	50 00
" 9	"	"	"	50 to E P Dennis	61 50
" 10	"	"	"	51 to J McIntire	67,50
" "	"	"	"	52 to Saml Hall	10,50
" 12	"	"	"	53 to Dan'l Whitney	50,00
" "	"	"	"	54 to P G Willard	13,50
" 19	"	"	"	55 to R S Witherby	293. 00
July 21	To paying Selectmens Order			№ 56 to J P Crosby	53,00
" 22	"	"	"	57 to Lorin Davis	132,00
" 23	"	"	"	58 to L S Pratt	130,00
" "	"	"	"	59 to J McClellan.	64.00
" 24.	"	"	"	60 to E P Dennis	70.00
August 25	"	"	"	61 to O M Brigham	13. 00
" 29.	"	"	"	62 to M F Wheeler	25. 00
" 30	"	"	Note to	Grafton Bank	1500,00
Sept 10	" 6 Mo Int. on Note of			$3000 to State Treas	90 00
" 15.	" Selectmens Order			№ 63 to W H Hersey	66 00
" 18	"	"	"	64 to B W Fay	68 00
" 22	"	"	"	65 to E Saunders	500.00
" "	"	"	"	66 to Jos Adams	24 00
" 23	"	"	"	67 to E P Dennis	100 00
Oct 3	"	"	"	68 to E P Dennis	50 00
" "	"	"	"	69 to J W White	56 23
" 20	"	"	"	70 to Saml Hall	14 00
" "	"	"	"	71 to R Taft.	83,75
" 23	"	"	"	72 to Dan'l Whitney	35,00
" 25	"	"	"	73 to J H Wood	87,08
" 30	"	"	"	74 to A N Leland	40 00
" 31	"	"	"	75 to S F Redding	2.67
Nov 1	"	"	"	76 to J P Crosby	212,00
	"	"	"	77 to Austin Holbrook	400
	"	"	"	78 to John Aldrich	125

1856 Nov 4	To paying	Assessors	Order of Abatement		to B F Barney	$0	30
"	"	"	"	"	to A A Smith		,85
"	"	"	"	"	Jacob Spring	3	42
"	"	"	"	"	J A Livzsey	1	70
"	"	"	"	"	L M Smith	13	80
"	"	"	"	"	A F Smith	11	86
"	"	"	"	"	Do A. Pierce	2	77
"	"	"	"	"	Louisa Lapt	1	82
"	"	"	"	"	J M Kimball	2	56
"	"	"	"	"	J O Dispeau		,28
"	"	"	"	"	Jos Adams	17	10
"	"	"	"	"	Aurelius Crosby	4	27
"	"	"	"	"	E Churchell	2	56
"	"	"	"	"	Kendrick Hunt	4	60
"	"	"	"	"	Elijah Kimball	2	56
"	"	"	"	"	N K Merriam	1	27
"	7	"	Selectmen's	Order No	77 to R L Witherby	260	00
"	4	"	"	"	80 to J W Harrington	210	00
"	10	"	"	Note at	Grafton Bank	1500	00
"	13	"	"	"	"	1500	00
"	"	"	"	Order No	81 to E P Dennis	40	00
"	"	"	"	"	82 to " "	162	80
"	"	"	"	"	83 " "	3	50
"	"	"	"	"	84 to Rufus Prentice	7	75
"	"	do	do		85 to J R Newton	50	00
"	14	do	6 mo. int on note of $4000		to State Treasurer	120	00
"	15	do	Selectmen's	Order No	86 to A W Rice	120	00
"	18	do	do	do	87 to J W Stow	90	00
"	25	do	do	Note to	L F Allen	1500	00
"	"	do	do	Order No	88 to J McClellan	63	00
"	26	do	do	do	" 89 to Mrs Brigham	210	50
"	"	do	do	do	90 to C M Pratt	5	00
"	"	do	Assessors	Order of Abatement	to C M Pratt		85
"	29	do	State Tax for 1856			1494	00
"	"	do	Town Note to	State Treasurer		4000	00
"	"	do	Int 13 days on	Same			8,67
"	"	do	Selectmens	Order No	91 to C C Wood		4,50

1856 Dec	1.	To paying	Selectmens	Order	No 92 to S Marrell	15,93
"	6	do	do	do	93 to C B Junks	35,00
"	"	do	do	do	94 to L S Pratt	99,12
"	9	do	do	do	95 to Jos Smith	240,28
"	13	do	do	do	96 to W Faulkner	11,75
"	"	do	do	do	97 to Grafton Mill Co.	207,00
"	15	do	do	do	98 to J A Buffum	110,72
"	22	do	do	do	99 to H M Pratt	75,83
"	"	do	do	do	100 to do do	71,50
"	31	do	do	do	101 to Josiah Hall	14,00
1857 Jan	1	do	County	Tax for	1856	1890,57
"	8	do	Selectmen's	Order	No 102 to N. Hancock	33,00
"	"	do	do		103 to L S Pratt	47,00
"	"	do	do		104 to J M White	26,41
"	9	do	do		105 to E Saunders	22,00
"	"	do	do		106 to G G Taft	21,00
"	13	do	do		107 to J S Nelson	122,90
"	21	do	do		108 to A M Rice	100,00
"	27.	do	Wor. Co Mutual Ins. Co. for insuring houses Furniture Stock &c. on Town Farm			14,50
"	28	do	Selectmens	Order	No 109 to J M Harrington	236,97
"	31	do	do		110 to R L Withurby	158,67
Feb	12	do	do		111 to J McClellan	65,09
"	13	do	do		112 to Lorin Davis	264,27
"	14	do	do		113 to Jos Smith	80,00
"	16	do	do		114 to S F Redding	4,75
"	"	do	do		115 to M Quimby & Son	2,00
"	"	do	do		116 to L S Pratt	19,12
"	19	do	do		117 to J P Crosby	74,83
"	23	do	Assessors	Order of	Abatement to J A Sherman	1,70
"	"	do	do		do F C Proctor	2,86
"	"	do	do		do H B Fairbanks	1,71
"	"	do	do		do Elizah Holbrook	2,56
"	"	do	do		do A L Hawes	10,26
"	"	do	do		do M Keefe	1,70
"	"	do	do		do John Smith	1,27
"	"	do	do		do B H Buxton	1,70
"	"	do	do		do O Girar	1,70

1857	Feb 23	To paying	Assessors Order of Abatement	to L Doucette 170
		do	do	John Keaton 170
		do	do	Lewis Beaushean 170
		"	"	Gilbert Sibeau 170
		"	"	Diadana Miller 552
		"	"	Dennis Halliran 170
		"	"	Francis Beaudean 170
		"	"	Milley Cutler 855
		"	"	Dennis Hannahan 170
		"	"	John Weir 170
		"	"	Samb Ray 170
		"	"	Wm Lakes 170
		"	"	Lewis Segatsey 170
		"	"	Jas Doona 170
		"	"	Francis Pelgua 170
		"	"	C C Turner 170
		"	"	Chas T Randall 170
		"	"	Stillman Parker 170
		"	"	Marshall Lafayette 170
		"	"	Wm Rivers 170
		"	"	C A Darling 170
		"	"	Jas Curtis 170
		"	"	Sally Carpenter 684
		"	"	Henry Emory 170
		"	"	J J Gray 170
		"	"	J H Green 170
		"	"	Marcus Aldrich 170
		"	"	L M Sargent 170
		"	"	Pat. Congdon 170
		"	"	C T Cummings 170
		"	"	Samuel Smith 170
		"	"	Robt Butterworth 170
		"	"	Jas Beaushaw 170
		"	"	A Guile 170
		"	"	Lyman Fuller 170
		"	"	Frank Snow 170
		"	"	Charles Snow 170
		"	"	Rufus Goodnow 170

1857 Feb 23	To paying	Assessors Order of Abatement to	Lucius Haywood		170
"		"	Frank Riley		170
"		"	W P Alexander		170
"		"	Paul Redfield		170
"		"	John Hannington		170
"		"	Martin Blandin		170
"		"	Charles R Whitney		170
"		"	M B Frost		170
"		"	W P Gifford		170
"		"	Dan'l Gleason		170
"		"	G E Huntley		170
"		"	John Hayes		170
"		"	Tho's Maxwell		170
"		"	H. Biscoe (Jr)		17,10
"		"	L W Dodge Adm's		428
"		"	Moses Roberts		170
"		"	John Stockwell		170
"		"	Evans Simmons		170
"		"	John Hoyt		170
"		"	Breno Harper		170
"		"	B P Brown		170
"		"	Edward Scanlan		170
"		"	John Murphy		170
" 24	"	Selectmens Order No	118 to	J S Adams 2d	12403
25	"	" "	119 "	G F Slocomb	15643
"	"	" "	120	E P Dennis	8457
26	"	" "	121	J A Buffum	638
"	"	" "	122	C M Pratt	750
"	"	" "	123	L S Pratt	1150
"	"	" "	124	Joseph Bruce	2515
"	"	" "	125	J W White	17550
"	"	" "	126	R L Witherby	855
					$23599 60

Amount of Receipts $24191.95

Amount paid out $23599 60 Amount of Cash on hand $592.35

Amount now subject to draft for High School $80,00 427.10

" Common School $347 10 $165.25

All of which is Respectfully Submitted. Augustus Slocomb Treasurer

Grafton Feb 28th 1857 A True Copy—Attest James W White Town Clerk

Art 5th The Report of the Overseers of the Poor was accepted as printed and is as follows to wit

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the Inhabitants of said Town their Annual Report of the condition of their Pauper Establishment for the year ending March 1st A.D. 1857. as follows to wit

Expenses on farm for Stock boarding Clothing	
Medical attendance &c.	$ 654.76
Interest on Real Estate	360 00
Agents Salary	300.00
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	218 00
Labor in the House	76,25
Services of Overseers	45,00
Total Expense	$ 1654,01
Amount of produce Sold	1025,23
Balance of Inventory above last Year	17,59
	$ 1042,82
Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on the Farm	$ 611.19
Whole number Supported or assisted on the farm the past year -	22-
Whole number of weeks	272
Average cost per week.	$2,25

Cost of Supporting paupers off the farm the past year -

Rufus A Johnson	4850
Charles A Sherman	40,00
Deborah Warren	36 00
Supporting and funeral Expenses of Mary Wood	967
For conveying Murphy Children to Monson	4,98
" Support of Lyman Fuller and Wife	2528
" Conveying James Willey and Wife to Bridgewater	5,60
" Support of Mary Fuller	180
" Support of John W Paine	830
" Funeral Expenses of Moranda Cardon	325
" For Support of George W Kinney	863

For Support of Raymon. Raymon	7 00
" " Wife and Children of Patrick Lacy	15,31
" " Sally Phillips	36,65
Funeral Expenses of Samuel Sisco's child	5,25
For Support of Dana Chamberlain and family	10 50
" " Wife and children of Timothy W Brown	18 48
" " Mrs Susan Douglass and family	8,50
" " Mrs Mary Carroll and family	6,20
" " Eugene Wood	6 00
Total	$305,90

Due from State for Support of State Paupers	$53,90
Due from Town of Ruybridge	8 63
Refunded from Colerraine	18 48
Refunded from Southboro	10 00
	$93.01

Balance for Supporting Paupers off Farm past Year 212.89
Total Expense for Supporting Paupers last Year 824.08

The Overseers would Say that they have Sold one of the Old Barns at Auction for $70. and the proceeds used for the Support of the poor — They would further Say. that the past Expense in fitting up the buildings of the Town Farm has so Increased the Expense of the Same. that the past Valuation in their Opinion has far Exceeded the true Value and they have reduced the appraisal of the Same to Six thousand dollars Altho considerable improvement has been made on the Farm the past Year. in building Stone Wall. and wharfing up the north Side of the barn and improving low Lands. they do not deem it Expedient to claim it as an item which would lessen the Expense per week for Supporting Paupers. They would recommend that a portion of the wood now on the Farm be cut off and marketed. What the agent with the

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team could do in the winter Season. And would also recommend that the remaining Old barn be Sold and a Suitable Shed for the Farm be built in its Stead. All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

A W Rice
Hiram Fernald
J B Sibley
} Overseers of the Poor –

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk –

The Report of the Selectmen on the Liquor Agency which was accepted as printed is as follows to wit

The undersigned. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. having carefully examined the Books and property belonging to the Liquor Agency and Settled with the agent. Submit the following Report.

Cash Account

Dr

To Cash Rec'd for Liquor Sold from March 31st 1856 to Feby 26th 1857	476.02	
To Cash for casks Sold	4.00 –	$480.02

Cr

By Paid for Liquors from March 1st 1856 to Feby 26th 1857	259.88	
" " Commission Fright & Trucking	18.54	
" " for Book for Agency accounts	1.50 –	279.92
Balance in hands of Agent Feb 26. 1857		$200.10

Town Agent in Account with Town of Grafton

Dr

To cash on hand Feb 26, 1857 –	$200.10	
due Town on agency of 1854	11.93	
	$212.03	
To Balance due Town Brt down	$96.17	

Cr

By balance due March 31. 1856 –	70.03
" 11 Mos. Salary to March 1-1857	45.83
Balance due Town carried down	96.17

Profit and Loss account for 11 mos ending Feb 26 1857 Dr

Stock on hand March 31st 1856	150.67	
Paid for Liquors freight and Trucking	27.42	
Agents Salary	45,83 —	176.42

Cr

By Cash received for Liquors and casks Sold	480,02	
By Stock on hand Feb 26th 1857	25,44	505.46
Balance being profit of past 11 mos		$329,04

The Selectmen having Settled with the Town Agent upon the amount due the Town on the business of 1854 make the following Statement showing the profits to the Town of the Agency since its commencement

Dr

To Amount first put into hands of Agent	128.07

Cr

By Amount paid into Treasury on business of 1853.	$56,46
" " Due Town from Agent Feb 26th 1857	96.17
Stock On hand	25,44
	$178,07

Balance being profits of Agency from Commencement $50,00

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.

L. S. Pratt
L. G. Allen
L. N. Leland
J. A. Buffum
R. L. Witherby

Selectmen of Graston

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

by Vote. took up the 2d Article in the Warrant and voted to choose a Trustee of "the Riverside Cemetery" in the place of E B Bigelow whose term of Office has Expired.

By Ballot chose E B Bigelow Trustee of "the River Side Cimetery"

Voted to choose thirteen Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing to be chosen by nomination — Chose

Henry F Wing	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Silas Forbush	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Augustus Salsbury	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Daniel Whitney	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Bradford Chase	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Cornelius S Bullen	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Joseph Adams 2d	Sworn March 7th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
John McClellan	Sworn March 7th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Joseph H Whitney	Sworn April 6th 1857. by J M White Town Clerk
Stephen R White	Declined, Alfred Morse. Chosen & Sworn May 1st
Lewis Holbrook	Declined
Silas E Stow	Sworn March 20th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Noah K Merriam	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk

for Highway Surveyors for the year Ensuing.

Voted to choose ten field drivers for the year ensuing to be chosen by nomination — Chose

Lewis Holbrook	Declined
Edward P Dennis	
Orlando A Drury	Sworn March 2d 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Warren L Munyan	Sworn March 5th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
L. H. Bigelow	Declined
Albert Bradish	Sworn March 4th 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
Sam't H Redding	Sworn March 2 1857 by J M White Town Clerk
John Hitchins	Declined
S. H Hosmer	Declined
Henry R Keith	Declined

for Field Drivers for the year ensuing —

Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Poundkeeper Measurers of Wood and Bark. Surveyors of Lumber Sealers of Leather & Sealers of Weights and Measures for the year Ensuing — —

Voted to choose three Jurieviewers for the Year ensuing- to be chosen by nomination— Chose.

Elijah Stow | Sworn March 4th 1857 by J W White Town Clerk
George W Howe | Sworn March 5th 1857 by J White Town Clerk
Chas. Batcheldar | Sworn March 4th 1857 by J W White Town Clerk

for Jurieviewers for the Year Ensuing—

Voted that the Selectmen be the Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing-

Voted that the Selectmen be the Auditing- Committee for the Year ensuing—

Voted. to take up the 8th Article in the Warrant,

Voted to Raise Twelve thousand Dollars- Money Tax "to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year"

Voted to Appropriate Three thousand Dollars of the Same. to pay Town Note to State Treasurer-

Voted to appropriate three thousand Dollars of the Same for the Support of common Schools the Year Ensuing-

Voted to take up the Seventh Article in the Warrant —

Voted to raise Twelve hundred Dollars- Labor Tax to repair the Highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing Year —

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant- & Voted to appropriate Five hundred Dollars for Special repairs upon Highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing Year. to be in hands of the Selectmen.

Took up the Eleventh article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that all the Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury On or before the first day of November next without discount and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand

Voted to put the collecting of the Taxes up at Auction the person who will collect them for the least Sum to be chosen Collector — The collecting of the Taxes was then put up at Auction and George F Slocomb Offered to collect them for One fourth of One per cent and they were Struck off to him at that price —

Took up the Second article in the Warrant and by Ballot Chose George F Slocomb Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing. he was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th 1857 by J White Town Clerk

Took up the twelvth Article in the Warrant and Voted to pay the Sextons the Same as last Year for burying the dead. which was "for digging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death and Tolling the Bell at the funeral and Attending the Funeral with his horse and the Towns Hearse — One Dollar and Seventy five cents. and also the friends of the Deceased to pay. One Dollar —

Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant and Voted to authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the Schoolteachers in their Respective Districts — —

Took up the fourteenth article in the Warrant and voted that the Selectmen cause One of the Church Bells to be Rung at twelve Oclock M— and Nine Oclock P. M.———

Took up the fifteenth article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to establish a High School

Took up the Sixteenth article in the Warrant and voted to Allow Engine men five dollars each for Services the ensuing year—

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant and voted to Appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars for High School to be Expended where the General School Committee Shall determine

Voted to passover the 18th article in the Warrant,

Took up the 19th article in the Warrant, and voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow three thousand Dollars to pay a Note of that amount due to the State Treasurer—

Took up the twentieth article in the Warrant and voted to accept the Collectors Report as Printed which is as follows—

Amt of Taxes
Committed by Assessors to Geo F Slocomb
Collector for 1856—

1856 July 5	Amt of Town Grant for 1856	12000.	00
" "	State Tax	1494	00
" "	County Tax	1890.	57
" "	Overlayings	371	79
	Uncollected Taxes in 1855	69.	39
		15825	75

(over)

Nov 4th 1856	To Cash paid Town Treasurer p Receipt	$11876.39
" 28.	" " "	2500.00
1857 Jan 7.8	" "	700 00
Feb 23		165.95
	Collected on Taxes for 1853	30.75
" 25.	To Cash paid Town Treasurer p Receipt	369.71
		$15642 80
	Amount Uncollected	$182.95

Amount of Taxes Uncollected against the following Persons

Michael McGowen	Real Estate	3.85
Lucy G Harridan	"	684
Jesse H Smith	Personal Property	22.89
Harvy Dodge	" "	8.39
Miss M P Holbrook	"	428
Gardner Green		1.07
Thomas Bamber	Poll Tax	1.70
J P Barnett	" "	170
Patrick Brazill	" "	170
Silas Bates	" "	170
John Collman	" "	170
Albert Chibelly	" "	170
Henry Clarke	" "	170
Michael Clark	" "	170
James Corning	" "	170
James Dennes	" "	170
Morris Dannavan	" "	170
A McDarling	" "	170
Samuel Despeau	" "	170
M Dagan	" "	170
Patrick Drooney	" "	170
Nicholas Dunn	" "	170
Jasper Fay	Poll Tax	170
R C Goodnow	" "	170
Adolph Gullendorff	" "	170
Jesse Girard	" "	170
Alvin Gibbs	"	170

(over)

John G Holden	Poll Tax	1,70
Michael Handley	" "	170
Pierre Herron	" "	170
Elijah Harrington	" "	1,70
Geo W Helwig	" "	1,70
John Hogan	" "	170
Francis Jollie	" "	1,70
Isaac Jollie	" "	170
Lewis Jacobs	" "	170
Cornelius Kelley	" "	170
James Kelley	" "	170
Dennis Kelley	" "	170
Clary Leggat Jr	" "	170
Jas McCorma	" "	170
Jas McLaughlin	" "	170
Miles Murray	" "	170
Mathew McDermott	" "	170
Michael McCurrin	" "	170
Winslow B Packard	" "	170
George Phelps	" "	170
Peter Pellican	" "	170
John Pellica	" "	170
Robert Robertson	" "	1,70
Patrick Reynolds	" "	1,70
John Roach	" "	170
Wallace Stout	" "	170
Samuel Spencer	" "	1,70
Creyden Smith	" "	1,70
Peter Palya	" "	1,70
John Ruston	" "	1,70
Michael Williams	" "	170
Harlow Walcott	" "	170
Samuel Williams	" "	170
Jas Welch	" "	170
Silas Wheelock	" "	170
David Young	" "	170. 144,31
Uncollected Taxes in 1855		38,64

All Which is Respectfully Submitted. Geo F Slocomb (Grafton Feb 28, 1857)

Took up the twenty first article in the warrant and Voted to recommit the Reported List of Names to be placed in the Jury Box to the Selectmen with instructions So to amend the List, that no name be presented not Liable to Serve as Juror if Drawn ——

Took up the twenty second article in the warrant, and voted to pass over this article for the present ——

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April at One Oclock in the afternoon at this place ——

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th AD 1857

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall at One Oclock P M pursuant to adjournment from the Second day of March last past and the following proceedings were had — to wit —

1st The Records of the last annual meeting of the Town were read by the Clerk ——

S B Dolliver having declined Serving as an Assessor for the year ensuing it was Voted to take up the 2d article in the warrant By Ballot chose Wm R Wheelock Assessor for the year ensuing —— Wm R Wheelock was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Assessor April 22d 1857 before me

Jas W White Town Clerk

Stephen R White having declined Serving as a Highway Surveyor — Luke Leland was chosen by nomination in his place

April 8th 1857 Luke Leland declined —

Lewis Holbrook Having declined Serving as a Highway Surveyor. Aurelius Crosby was chosen by nomination in his place —

L. H. Bigelow having declined Serving as Field driver. H B Fairbanks was chosen by nomination in his place as field driver

Sworn April 18th 1857 before J W White Town Clerk

John Hutchins having declined Serving as Field driver. John Hutchins Jr was chosen by nomination in his place as field driver

he was Sworn April 18th 1857 before me

James W White Town Clerk

Voted to Over the remainder of the article

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant and Voted to accept the Report of the General School Committee as Printed

(See files)

Took up the third article in the Warrant The Selectmen presented a Report on Guide posts, which was accepted and is as follows, to wit

"The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to present their Report of all places at which Guide posts are Erected and maintained within Said Town of Grafton, as follows

At the corner of the roads near Warren Block — at the corner of the Road near the House of J D Wheeler

" " Samuel H Allen

over

At the corner of the roads near the House of Wm Wallace
" " of the Sutton and Northbridge roads
a little South of the last named place
At the corner near the house of Joseph Bruce
" " " " " Wm A Fiske
" " " West of the house of Geo M Dunn
" " " north " " H D Howard
" " " near the Indian Burying Ground
" " " " Meeting house in Farnums ville
" " " Store of Alfred Morse
" " House of Wid D S Smith
" " " " " Nelson Perry
" " " " " Austin Holbrook
" " " " Saunders Brick Store
" " " " the House of Haverlin & Eddy
" " " " " Charles Danies
Each of the corners between the burying Ground
and the house of Wm Rogers
At " the Providence and Westboro roads
near the last named place ——
At the corner near the Town Farm House
" " " " " Meeting House N.E.D.
Each of the corners near the house of Jasper W Putnam
At Each of the corners Northerly of the House of
James Houghton
At the corner near the House of Charles S Fay
" " " " " " Nathan S Wheelock
" " " " " " Calvin Clisbee
" " " " " " H J Pratt
" " " " " " Joseph Kimball
" " " " " " Jefferson Bellows
" " " " " " Jon^a Sibley
" " " " "

The Selectmen would further Report that in their Opinion the Public good requires that new Boards should be Erected in the following new Places viz

in

At the corner near the Barn of B. W Fay
" " " " House of Le. N Leland
" " " " " " John McClellan

Le S Pratt
Le F Allen
Le N Leland
W A Buffum
R Le Witherby
} Selectmen of Grafton

The foregoing Report was without date. but should have been dated and presented on the Second day of March. A D 1857

Voted to take up the Eighth Article in the Warrant -- and on Motion voted to make an additional appropriation of Eighty dollars to each of the School Districts. at New England Village. at Farnums Hill and at Saunders Village to lengthen out their District Schools --

On Motion voted that So much of the Vote passed by the Town on the Second day of March Last past. as relates to the Expenditure of Eight hundred dollars for High School "When the General School committee shall determine" be reconsidered --

On Motion voted that the High School Established by Vote of the Town on the Second day of March last past. be located in the Centre District of the Town --

Took up the 9th Article in the Warrant -
The Trustees of the River Side Cemetery presented their annual Report which was accepted as follows - to wit

on

The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery would Submit through their Treasurer the following Report to the Town.

March 3d 1856 Balance in Treasury	$161.23
" 24. Rec'd of B A Green fencing Lot	77.95
Rec'd for Lots Sold	74 52
Rec'd for fixing Lots	68,00
do for Wood & Lumber Sold	3,53
	$385,25

Expended for fencing 3 Lots with Iron fence	$215.90
" for Labor on Avenues & fixing Lots	57.74
	$273,64
Balance in Treasury	$111,61

Prospective value of Lots fenced raised Surfaced &c Exclusive of the price of the Land $280,00

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Holbrook Treasurer

Took up the tenth article in the Warrant.

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery presented their Report which was accepted as follows— The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Represent that no improvements have been made in & upon the grounds since their Last Report April 2d 1855 and that at that time the balance due for Sales of Lots &c. was $138,81

The Number of burials has been to date Forty four

The Sales of Lots Since the Last Report Amount to 58.00

Sale of Grass for the Same time 22,00

$80,00

Balance due in favor of the Cemetery to date is $218,81

The Trustees would Say that during the coming year, an Outlay of a considerable

(out)

amount must be made in laying out
Roads and walks and other improvments
Such as grading Lots &c.
All of which is Respectfully Submitted
A. F. Smith Chairman
Grafton April 6th 1857 By C. M. Pratt

Took up the 21st Article in the Warrant, and
Voted to accept the List of names prepared by
the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box
which is as follows -
Seth J Axtell . Jonas H Allen . Charles Brigham
Horace Batchelder Horace P Brown A. M. Bigelow
Jefferson Billows . Hillel Baker Wm S Bruce
Geo W Crombie Jr. Origen C Crane D. W. Carpenter
Solomon Carroll . Bradford Chase John C Davis
Geo M Dunn John M Davenport Lorin Davis
Geo W Estabrook . Samuel C Flagg . Adolphus Fowler
Wm A Fiske . Benj W Fay Charles Goddard
Charles Goddard Jr . Lewis Holbrook S D Hall
Nathan Hancock . Benj Heywood Austin Holbrook
John P Hayden . James M Kimball Elijah B Knowlton
Levi N Leland Rodney Leland . N L Linnell
Noah K Merriam Joseph Merriam Jr John McClellan
Benj K Moulton . John Putnam Jr . Ashley W Rice
Samuel F Redding Jon W Stow Leander Stockwell
Augustus Slocomb . Calvin S Thurston . Silas Vinton
Moses C Woodbury Francis Winn Henry Wilson .
W. F Wheeler John Whitney Rufus C Warren
Jona D Wheeler . Stephen R White Willis Works
D B Wingate Lowell White Jos. H Whitney -

L. F. Allen	Selectmen
G. F. Slocomb	of
S. C. Goulding	Grafton

Voted to pass over the 22d Article in the warrant -
Voted to dissolve this meeting -
A True Record Attest James W White Town Clerk

220.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April next at three Oclock in the afternoon. to act on the following Articles. to (wit)—

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2d To see if the Town will abolish the Liquor Agency and act thereon as petitioned for by J W Slocomb and Others—

3d To hear the Report of the fire department and act thereon.

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders village. to Stand Over two Sundays at Least before the time of holding said meeting—

Herein fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon. to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid— Given under Our hands this Twenty Sixth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven

L G Allen	Selectmen
R Leland	of
G F Slocomb	Grafton

Worcester ss. March 28th 1857

I have served the foregoing Warrant this day by posting up ~~attested~~ copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses as therein directed. ~~Attest~~ James W White constable of Grafton

A True Copy ~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk—

Graston April 6th 1857

The Inhabitants of the Town of Graston qualified to Vote in Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in Said Graston at three Oclock. this afternoon pursuant to the fore-going Warrant and the following proceedings were had to wit;

1st By Ballot chose A M Bigelow Moderator

Voted to pass over the Second article in the Warrant —

On Motion Voted to take up the Second Article in the Warrant —

Voted not to abolish the Liquor Agency

Voted to Instruct the Selectmen. to appoint who they please —

Took up the third article in the Warrant and voted to accept the Report of the Fire Department as Printed —

Voted to dissolve this meeting — —

A True Record

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

To the Honorable. the County Commissione within and for the County of Worcester—

Respectfully Represents. Silas A Pierce of Grafton in Said County of Worcester that at a meeting of Said County Commissioners held at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September. and by adjournment, on Tuesday the twenty-eighth day of October A D 1856. Upon the Petition of Royal Keith and Others the Said Commissioners Said Out and Located a Town Road over the Route Set forth in Said Petition. and over Land of the present petitioner. Extending from Grafton Common So called to Land of Calvin W Forbus according to the terms of the Report of Said Commissioners now on file in the Office of their Clerk. and allowed to the petitioner as damages to be Sustained in consequence of the Location and construction of Said Road only the Sum of five hundred Dollars.

Wherefore the Said petitioner being aggrieved by the doings of Said Commissioners and by the Estimation of his damages Occasioned thereby. Respectfully asks that he may have a Jury to determine the matter of his complaint and for Such Orders in relation thereto as the Law in Such cases provides

March 24 1857 S A Pierce

Wherefore the Said petitioner

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester. On the fourth Tuesday of March A D. 1857. and by adjournment on the ninth day of April A D 185[illegible]

On the Petition aforesaid Ordered that the Said petitioner notify the Inhabitants of Said

Town of Grafton to appear at the meeting
of said Commissioners to be holden at
Worcester aforesaid on Saturday the Sixt-
eenth day of May next by adjournment
from said fourth Tuesday of March A D 1857
by serving them with an attested Copy
of said petition and this Order thereon
thirty days at least before said Sixteenth
day of May - that they may then and
there show cause why the prayer thereof
should not be granted -

~~Attest~~ Wm A Smith Asst Clerk

A Copy of the petition and
Order of notice thereon

~~Attest~~ Wm A Smith Asst Clerk

A Copy

~~Attest~~ J Day Deputy Sheriff

A true Copy Received April 15th A D 1857
at Eleven Oclock and thirty minutes A M

~~Attest~~ James R White Town Clerk

Grafton April 20th 1857

At a meeting of the Selectmen held
this day the following appointments
were made — to wit

For Engineers —

J D Wheeler
A M Bigelow
Erastus Fisher
G. C. Salt
D B Wingate
L. S Pratt
A. W. Rice
S G Congdon
Alfred Morse
Lawson Munyan

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Willard D Wheeler. Sworn Apl 27th/57 Before Town Clerk
A. M. Bigelow declined
Cyrus D Aldrich declined
J H Wood Declined
James G Putnam declined
C C Wood Sworn April 28th Before J W White Town Clerk
Henry J Wing declined
J D Chollar Sworn May 2d before J W White Town Clerk
Gilbert C Sapp Sworn May 1st 1857 Before J W White Town Clerk
James H Wright Sworn May 2. Bifore J W White Town Clerk
Nelson Fury Sworn May 2 " " "
E W Jacobs Sworn May 2 " " "
Lewis H Bigelow Sworn May 2 " " "
E J Leland Sworn April 28 before J W White Town Clerk

Surveyors of Lumber

Wm J Leisure Sworn Apl. 24th/57 before Town Clerk
Noah Fletcher Sworn April 29th " "
Moses Quimby Sworn April 24th/57 before Town Clerk
C B Jenks Sworn May 2d. Before J W White Town Clerk

Sealers of Leather

Lewis W Dodge Sworn Apl 24th/57 before Town Clerk
Rufus E Warren declined
B K Moulton declined

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Nathan Hancock Sworn May 2d. Before J W White Town Clerk

Weighers of Coal &c—

Robert Mowrey
C D Aldrich Sworn April 24th/57 before Town Clerk
J D Chollar Sworn May 2d. " "

Pound Keeper

Joshua Congdon declined
May 6th. Benj Kingsbury appointed declined

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

June 11th 1857 Selectmen appointed L S. Pratt Pound keeper

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby Required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Friday the First day of May next at One Oclock in the afternoon. To act on the following Article to Wit —

To bring in their votes by ballot Yes or No. For or against Each of the three Articles of Amendment to the Constitution which have been agreed to by the Last and present General Courts and Published in the manner required by the Constitution and now Submitted to the people for their ratification and Adoption —

And You are Also Required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid. to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton. on the Said first day of May. at three Oclock in the afternoon to Act On the following Articles to Wit —

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting —

2 To See what action if any the Town will take with regard to the request of Silas A Pierce for a jury to determine the amount of damages Sustained by him in consequence of the Laying Out of a Town Road over his Land by the County Commissioners in the Month of October last. —

3d To Choose a Highway Surveyor in place of Luke Leland declined (or)

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of Said Town, and at the Meeting-Houses in New England Billage. Farnums Ville and Saunders Billage. to Stand One two Sundays at Least, before the time of holding Said Meeting - Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under Our hands this Seventeenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven

L F Allen
G F Stocomb
S E Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

April 18th 1857. I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up Attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed —

James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Friday May first AD 1857 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. for the purpose of "bringing in their Votes by Ballot Yes or No for or against three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts which have been agreed to by the Last and present General Courts

and Published in the manner required by the Constitution and Submitted to the People for their ratification and adoption. The following proceedings were had Viz
The Polls were opened to receive the votes at half past One Oclock P M.. The votes were Received Sorted. Counted - Recorded. and public declaration thereof made in Open Town Meeting as follows.

Amendment Art. First Yes. Ninety five votes. 95
No Fourteen votes 14

" Art Second Yes One hundred Seven votes 107
No. Ten votes 10

" Art Third Yes One hundred Twelve votes 112
No Four. votes 4

And at Four Oclock P M. the Meeting was was dissolved — A True Record —
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May First A D 1857
The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton at three Oclock P M pursuant to Warrant and the following proceedings were had Viz. 1st By Ballot Chose Willard D Wheler Moderator —

Art 2. On Motion. Voted to Choose a committee of three to appear before the County commissioners and Oppose Silas A Pierce's having a Jury. and if a Jury is granted to Oppose his Receiving further Damages -

(over)

On motion Voted that the Committee chosen to build the Road. be the committee to appear before the County Commissioners & said committee consisting of the following Persons (viz Lewis Holbrook. Esek Saunders and A M Bigelow)

Art 3. By Nomination chose Alfred Morse Highway Surveyor in place of Luke Leland Declined. Mr Morse accepted the Office. came forward and took the Oath before. J W White J.C.

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a Meeting appointed Dexter B Wingate. an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors. and to Sell the same within. for. and on account of Said Town to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal. Chemical. and Mechanical purposes and no Other for One Year from May 28th AD 1857. to May 28th AD. 1858. unless Sooner removed from Said Agency. Now if the Said Dexter B Wingate Shall in all Respects Conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed. and to Such rules and regulations as now are. or Shall from time to time be Established by the Board of Selectmen making the appointment. then this appointment to remain in force. Otherwise to be Void

(up)

The place for the Sale of Liquors to be in the Store now Occupied by said Wingate in New England Village being the first building North of the Bridge on the East side of the Road leading from Grafton Center to Shrewsbury

Grafton May 28th A D 1857. Luke F Allen
R Leland
G F Slocomb
H Batchelor
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Recvd May 28th A D. 1857
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Sutton and Grafton hereby certify that they have on this twenty third day of June A D 1857 perambulated and run the boundary line between said Towns and Examined the marks and find them correct

G. F. Slocomb.
Horace Batchelor
(Selectmen of Grafton

Horace Leland
McM. Hovey
(Selectmen of Sutton

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester held at Worcester within and for the county of Worcester on the third Tuesday of June A D 1857 and by Adjournment on the twentieth day of August A D 1857 –

The County Commissioners have Examined the Work and manner of making the following described Town Roads Viz –

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

also the Town Road in Grafton Leading from Grafton center towards Saundersville. On refusal of the Selectmen. Located by the County Commissioners. on the Petition of Royal Keith and recorded at the meting held on the Second Tuesday of September A D 1856 and by adjournment on the twenty Eighth day of October A D 1856

And the County Commissioners find that the Several Town Roads aforesaid have been made and worked in persuance of the Orders and directions heretofore given for that purpose – It is therefore Ordered that the Several Town Roads aforesaid be Severally Opened – Known and used as Town Roads forever hereafter

Asaph Wood
Zadok D Taft
James Allen
} County Commissioners

A Copy
Attest

Wm A Smith Asst. Clerk

A True Copy. Received for Main August 28th A D 1857
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton October 15th AD 1857

At a Meeting of the Selectmen holden this day at the Town Clerks Office.. Samuel Harrington was appointed Weigher of Coal and other heavy bodies requiring by Law to be Weighed by a Sworn Weigher.. and on the same day he was Sworn to discharge faithfully the duties of the Office to which he had been appointed by me

James W White, Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby orgurced to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty Sixth day of October current at One Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit —

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

2 To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote whereby the time of payment of Taxes was limited to the first of November next —

3 To see if the Town will Extend the time of payment of Taxes collectable on the first of Nov. next. to the first of January next. the time when they have usually been collectable. or act in any other way thereon as petitioned for by Samuel H Allen and Others —

4th To see what Method if any the Town will adopt to rebuild or repair their Engine House at New England Village or act thereon

5th To see what Method the Town will adopt to defend the Suit brought against the Town by Alden Rice of Millbury or act thereon —

6th To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon —

7th To see if the Town will instruct the Collector not to enforce the payment of the Tax Standing against Jesse H Smith or act thereon —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village.

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Farnums Ville and Saunders Village to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting—

Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this fifteenth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven—

Luke F. Allen
Rodney Leeland
George F. Slocomb
Horace Batchelor
S E Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

October 17th A D 1857

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed

James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton October 26th A D 1857

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had viz—

Art 1st By Ballot chose Willard D Wheeler Moderator

Art 2 was taken up and a Motion made to Reconsider the Vote whereby the time of payment of Taxes was limited to the first of Nov next

(over)

After Some discussion upon the motion the Vote was taken and declared to be to reconsider. the Vote was doubted and the "House divided" and Voters counted when it appeared that there were One hundred and fifty four 154 in favor of Reconsidering the Vote and Sixty Seven Opposed to it So the Vote was reconsidered —

Art 3d was then taken up — Joseph Bruce made a motion which he reduced to writing as follows —

"My motion is to Extend time for payment of the Taxes until 1st Jany next. and that all persons who pay their Tax. on or before the first of Novem be Allowed a discount of four percent. and those who pay on or before Nov 15th be allowed 3 percent and all who pay on or before Dec 1st 2 percent and all who pay on or before Dec 15th be allowed a dis. of 1 pct. An amendment to Mr Bruce's Motion was offered and accepted by him as follows viz that instead of 4 percent the discount Be 6 percent instead of 3 percent. 4 1/2 pct instead of 2 pr cent the discount be 3 percent and instead of 1 pr cent the discount be 1 1/2 percent to those who pay at the times Specified in his motion. but not to apply to Poll Taxes — the motion as amended was put to Vote and carried in the Affirmative thereby adopting the Motion

Art 4th was taken up and on motion Voted to pass Over the article —

Art 5th was taken up and a motion made to choose an Agent to defend the Suit Brought against the Town by Alden Rice of Millbury By Nomination chose Luke F Allen Said Agent, Then On motion Voted to add the rest of the Board of Selectmen to the agency

and that they have discretionary power to settle with Mr Rice or defend the suit as in their Judgement shall appear best -

Art 6th was taken up - The Committee chosen to make the Road leading from Grafton Common towards Saundersville - made the following Report

To the Town of Grafton -

Your Committee appointed to make the Road leading from the Common towards Saundersville laid Out in October last by the County Commissioners have attended to that duty and Report as follows -

They have caused said Road to be made agreable to the Order and to the acceptance of said Commissioners -

The whole amount of cost for making said Road $125.62

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Holbrook
Esek Saunders
A M Bigelow
} Committee

Grafton October 26th 1857 -

Voted on motion to accept the Report

The Committee chosen to Oppose the petition of S A Pierce for a jury to assess damages sustained by him by the laying out of a Road from Grafton common towards Saundersville in October last made the following Report

To the Town of Grafton -

The Committee appointed to attend to the Petition of S. A. Pierce for a jury to asses damages in consequence of a Town way being located over his lands, have attended to the duties assigned to them and submit the following Report -

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Mr Pierce Obtained a warrant for a Jury and notice was given to the Town of the time and place of hearing. Your Committee made all necesary arrangements for a trial by being present with witneses -

At the the time of trial but one of the Jurors appeared. The Sheriff and Petitioner failed to appear and no hearing was had -

Subsequently an arrangement was made by which Mr Pierce recieved his damages assessed by the Commissioners. less fifty dollars retained by the Town towards their cost and Expenses in the Opposition of the Petition of said Pierce -

Amount of cost in defending the Town in the case of S.A. Pierce is $69.78

All of which is respectfully Submitted -

Lewis Holbrook
Esek Saunders } Committee
A.M. Bigelow

Voted to accept the Report. -

Art. 7th was taken up. a motion was made to pass over the article. J.H. Smith mad a statement of the case which caused him to ask the Town not to enforce the payment of the Tax Standing against him -

Voted not to pass over the article -

A motion was then made to abate the Tax Standing against Jeptha Smith the vote was taken and decided by the Moderator to be carried in the affirmative. the vote was doubted. the House divided and the decision of the Moderator sustained. the Moderator then decided that the motion to abate the Tax was not in Order.

E.B. Bigelow appealed from the decision of the Moderator to the Meeting. The Meeting

Question being put to vote. "Shall the decision of the Moderator be Sustained" it was declared that the vote was carried in the affirmative. A motion was then made to instruct the collector to inforce the payment of the Tax Standing against Jesse H Smith the Question called for and on being put to Moderator vote it was declared carried in the affirmative. The vote was doubted the House divided when it was found that Seventy Seven were in favor of inforcing the payment of the Tax, and Sixty five were opposed to it, and declared accordingly —

Then voted to dispolve this meeting —

A True Record —

Attest James F White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Third day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor. Secretary. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the commonwealth and for a councillor for District No Six —

(over)

And for a Senator for the East Worcester District. Also to bring in their Votes for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester Also to Choose a Representative to Represent District No. Seventeen Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next - The Votes for all the above Officers will be Received on one Ballot or on Seperate Ballots as best Suits the convenience of the Voters. Each Ballot to Specify the Officer Voted for -
The Polls will be Opened to Recieve the Votes for the above Officers at half past Nine Oclock A Mon said day. - And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of Said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village. Ten days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting
Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the Time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given Under Our hands this twenty Second day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven -

Luke F Allen
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchellor
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. October 24th AD 1857

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up Attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed -

James W White Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 3rd AD 1857

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. Qualified to Vote in Elections. and Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Meeting was called to Order by Luke F Allen Esq Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Warrant was read by the Clerk. and on Motion of Henry F Wing it was Voted "to close the Polls at half past three Oclock in the afternoon --

The Votes having been all given in. Sorted - counted - Recorded Returns thereof made Out. Signed and Sealed up and declared in Open Town Meeting as the Law requires. were as follows - viz

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was five hundred and Seven 507.

Nath[l] P Banks of Waltham had Two hundred and Ninety one Votes 291

Henry J Gardner of Boston had One hundred and Thirty two votes 132

Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had Eighty four Votes 84

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was Five hundred and Six 506

Elijah Adlet Trask of Springfield had two hundred & Eighty seven Votes 287

Alexander Dewitt of Oxford had One hundred and thirty four Votes 134

Albert Currier of Newburyport had Eighty four Votes 84

The Whole Number of votes for Secretary of State was four hundred and ninety Eight - 498

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two hundred and Seventy Seven votes - 277

Benjamin L Allen of Boston had One hundred and thirty Seven votes - 137

Jonathan C Field of Stockbridge had Eighty four votes 84

The Whole number of votes for Treasurer and Reciever General was Five hundred and nine 509

Moses Tenny Jr of Georgetown had two hundred and ninety One votes 291

Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford had One hundred and thirty four votes 134.

Charles Thompson of Charlestown had Eighty four votes 84.

The Whole Number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was Five hundred and Six 506

Charles White of Worcester had Two hundred and Eighty five votes 285

Chandler R Ransom of Roxbury had One hundred and thirty Seven votes - 137

Seymour L Meade of Nantucket had Eighty four votes 84

The Whole Number of votes for Attorney General was Five hundred and nine 509

Stephen H Phillips of Salem had Two hundred and Eighty four votes 284

John H Clifford of New Bedford had One hundred and forty One votes 141

Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had Eighty four votes. 84

The whole number of votes for Senator for the East Worcester District was Five hundred and three. 503

Lucius S Allen of Shrewsbury had two hundred and ninety three votes 293

Otis F Vinton of Westboro had Two hundred and Eight votes 208

Joseph W Leland of Grafton had Two votes 2

The whole Number of votes for Councillor for District No. Six was Five hundred and Eight 508

Charles R Train of Framingham had Two hundred and ninety One votes 291

Amos A Lawrence of Brookline had One hundred and thirty five votes 135

Andrew H Ward of Newton had Eighty two votes - 82

The whole number of votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester Was four hundred and ninety nine 499

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Belcours Taft of Upton had Two hundred and Sixty Six Votes 266

Uzadok A Taft of Upbridge had One hundred and fifty Votes 150

Asa Woodbury of Sutton had Eighty three Votes 83

The Whole number of Votes for Representative from District No Seventeen in Worcester County was four hundred and ninety five 495

Solomon C Goulding had Seventy Votes 70

George F Slocomb had One hundred and thirty Eight Votes 138

Rufus C Warren had Two hundred and Eighty Seven Votes and was Elected 287

The Votes having all been counted Recorded and declared in Open Meeting and Returns of the Same made Out Signed and Sealed up as the Law directs the meeting was by Vote dispolved -

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the first day of March next at nine Oclock A.M. to act on the following Articles. to wit.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting
2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing -
3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon -
4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon -
5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon -
6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon --
7th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon -
8th To hear the Report of the Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery and act thereon -
9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon
10th To determine the manner of Repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing year
11th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Year ensuing and make appropriations of the Same and act thereon -
12th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such

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periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine When all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer. and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon—

13th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Ensuing year and act thereon—

14th To see if the Town will authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their Respective School districts or act thereon—

15th To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M. and 9 Oclock P. M. or act thereon

16th To see what compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the Year Ensuing and act thereon

17th To see if the Town will cause an Engine House to be built at New England Village. and if so to determine the manner of doing the same and act thereon—

18th To see if the Town will accept a List of names prepared by the Select men to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon—

19th To determine the place or places within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year— —

20th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and act thereon —

21st To Accept Town Debts—

22d To See if the Town will make a new division of the School money or act thereon as petitioned for by John McClellan and Others—

23d To See if the Town will Suspend in whole or in part, the Law passed by the Legislature of this commonwealth on the 25th day of March 1857 in relation to catching—

Pickerel or Trout, so that Individuals will not be liable to prosecution or act thereon, as petitioned for by James G Putnam and Others

24th To See what provision the Town will make to pay Treasurers Note of three thousand dollars due Grafton Bank the 16th of March 1858--

25th To hear the Report of the Liquor Agent and act thereon--

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting houses in the centre of Said Town, and at the Meetinghouses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village to Stand Ovd two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting Hereof Fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our Hands this fifteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Eight

Luke F Allen
Rodney Leland
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchelle
S E Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss
February 19th 1858. I have this day served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy Thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed
James W White Constable of Grafton

Grafton March 1st AD 1858

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton at nine Oclock A.M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Transacted the following Busines, to Wit.

Art. 1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator

2d Prayer By Rev T C Biscoe —

3 Voted to bring in the votes for Town Clerk Selectmen. Assessors. Overseers of the Poor Treasurer. General School Committee and Constables. on one Ballot or at One time.

4th Voted to choose five Selectmen for the Year ensuing.

5th Voted to choose three Assessors for the Year ensuing.

6th Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing Year.

7th Voted to choose three for General School Committee for the ensuing Year.

8th Voted to choose Seven Constables for the Year Ensuing.

9th By Ballot Chose James F White Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall. Moderator of Said Meeting

10th By Ballot chose

Horace Batchellor	321	Selectmen for the Year ensuing
S A Forbush	171	
Rodney Leland	170	
S E Goulding	170	
George F Slocomb	169	

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who immediately came forward and were severally sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office. by James W White Town Clerk –

11th By Ballot chose Rufus E Warren Treasurer for the Year Ensuing. Who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge the duties of his office by James W White Town Clerk. March 3rd 1858

12th By Ballot chose
Gilbert Taft
Wm R Wheelock
J H Wood
for Apesors for the Year Ensuing

Apesors –
Sworn March 2d by Town Clerk
Sworn March 5th 1858 by J White Town Clerk
Sworn March 5th 1858 by J White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose Ezra K Pratt Edwin R Thompson & Frederick Waterman (overseers of the Poor) Sworn March 3d By T C

13th By Ballot chose
Levi Rawson for 1 Year
Farrington McIntire 2 Years
Wm F Wheeler 3 Years
for General School Committee.

14th By Ballot chose for Constables –
H. B. Fairbanks. Sworn March 3 1858 by J White Town Clerk
J. B. Sibley Sworn March 1st 1858 by J White Town Clerk
W D Wheeler Sworn March 1st 1858 by J White Town Clerk
Jos W Leland Sworn March 1st 1858 by Jas White Town Clerk
B Newton Sworn March 1st 1858 by Jas W White Town Clerk
George W Crombie
Jon.a Carr –

15th Voted to choose a Trustee for Riverside Cemetery in place of T. C. Bisco whose term of Office has Expired –

By Ballot chose Henry F Wing Trustee of Riverside Cemetery – –

Voted to take up the 10th Art. in the Warrant – which is to determine the manner of Repairing

the Highways &c. and On Motion Voted to Choose a Committee of thirteen. One from each District to take into consideration the matter of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year and Report at an adjourned Meeting -

Voted to Choose the Committee by nomination -----

Chose A M Bigelow Calvin S Thurston George M Dunn. Charles Goddard F H Merriam Joseph Kimball J B. Adams John McClellan L. H. Bigelow Alfred Morse Lewis Holbrook Edward P Dennis & Wm R Wheelock Said Committee

Voted to Choose ten Field drivers for the Year ensuing by Nomination. Chose

Henry R Keith declined
John S Sweney. Sworn March 4th 1858 by Town Clerk
G. F Jourdon Sworn March 9th 1858 by Town Clerk
C J Holden Sworn March 4th 1858 by Town Clerk
Benjamin Aldrich
Samuel H Allen
Jesse Farnum
Noah K Merriam declined
Stillman Parker declined
R A Leland

For Field Drivers for the Year ensuing

Voted to have three Fence Viewers to be appointed by the Selectmen -

Voted that the Selectmen also appoint Sealer of Weights and Measures. Surveyors of Lumber Sealers of Leather. Measurers of Wood & Bark and a Pound Keeper -

Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee "

Took up the 3d Article in the Warrant and voted to Accept the Report of the Selectmen as Printed which is as follows - viz

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year ending March 1st 1858. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town viz

They have Settled with Augustus Slocomb Treasurer of Said Town and find his account correct, and as follows. -

Dr

1857.			$	¢
March	2d	Amt of Cash on hand	592	35
"	17	" Rec'd on Selectmens Note	1468	75
April	7	" " " "	1959	00
June	8	" Interest on E. Singletarys Note	60	00
	30	" of Rodney Leland	150	00
July	6	" on Treasurers Note	3000	00
"	9	" on Selectmens Note	1958	00
"	11	" of State Treasurer for Support of Schools	190	40
	17	" on Selectmens Note	1567	20
August	5	" " " "	1969	00
Sept.	14	" " " "	989	50
Oct	28	" of State Treasurer for Support of State Paupers	50	54
Nov.	2	" of Geo. F Slocomb Collector.	6883	21
"	13	" of Wor. Mutual Fire insurance Co	500	00
"	16	" On Selectmens Note	640	00
"	"	" On Treasurers Note	2908	50
"	"	" of Georg F Slocomb Collector for 1857	2241	00
1858. Jany	4	" " " " "	1152	89
"	5	" " " " "	2382	82
"	6	" " " " "	700	39
Feby	8	" of Selectmen on Acct of Liquor Agency & Liquor House	126	16
"	20	" of State Treasurer on Acct of Military Co	205	50
"	"	" " " For Armory Rent	50	00
"	23	" of Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1856	26	83

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1858 Feb.	24	Recieved of Geo. F. Slocomb Collector for 1857		1106	56
"	"	" of David Whites Estate		200	00
		Total Receipts		3307	60
		Or			
1857		By Paying Town Note to State Treasurer		3000	00
[illegible]	"	" Interest on the Same		153	50
July	17	" " Selectmens Note		1500	00
August	29	" " "		2000	00
Nov	6	" " "		2000	00
"	9	" " "		2000	00
"	16	" " "		1600	00
"	17	" " "		1000	00
"	18	" To Rodney Leland		150	00
"	"	" Interest on the Same		3	37
"	"	" Treasurers Note & Interest		306	50
Dec.	1	" State Tax for 1857		2241	00
1858 Jany	6	" County Tax for 1857		2268	68
"	"	" For Support of Common Schools for 1856		3146	49
"	"	" Special Appropriation for Saunders' Dist		80	00
"	"	" " " for Farmumsville District		80	00
"	"	Amt. Pd for High School in 1856		80	00
"	"	" " " 1857		391	03
"	"	" for Services of Gen. School Committee in 1856		131	20
"	"	" School Books per Order Gen School Committee		14	72
"	"	" for breaking Out Roads in 1856 & 1857		652	76
"	"	" Committee for Building New Road		895	62
"	"	" Same for def. Town in jury Trial S. A. Pierce vs Town of Grafton		99	79
"	"	" County Commissioners for Laying Road		89	90
"	"	" Land Damage for Same		947	00
"	"	" Overseers of the Poor		1060	34
"	"	" Office Rent to J. W White		20	00
"	"	" for Recording Births, Marriages, Deaths copying Records, Posting Warrants Recording Taxes, Postage & Express Bills Pd. &c.		182	72
"	"	Selectmens Services for 1856		162	50

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By Paying Chief Engineer	165	00
" for Hose & Carriage for Engine No 2	514	13
" G W Hastings for Care of Town Hall	4	78
" C D Aldrich for Ringing Bells for 1856	35	00
" Uriah Searl. for Ringing Bell to Oct 1st 1857	15	00
" Printing Reports	37	00
" Alonzo Starkey for damage to Horse & Carr	15	00
" P Connoly for Mowing Old Burying Ground	6	00
" C Watson for Painting Blinds, Doors, & repairing Windows to Town Hall	8	90
" J. Warren for Armory to Oct 1st 1857	75	00
" E F Wheeler for Gravel	6	80
" D B Wingate Liquor Agent	160	00
" Samuel Hall. Sexton	59	50
" C. B Jenks "	52	50
" Josiah Hall "	8	75
" State Lunatic Hospital for Support of Mrs. S W Smith	71	83
" " Susan L Wheelock	144	25
" " Mr David White	298	33
" For Special Repairs on Highways		
" to Noah K Merriam	48	50
" " Joseph H Whitney	198	33
" " Jon[a] W Stow	18	25
" " Rodney Leland	12	62
" " Daniel Whitney	10	43
" " Esek Saunders	61	06
" " Wm S Bruce	3	20
" H Batchelor for Guide Boards & Posts	8	09
" Abatement on Taxes per Assessors Orders	158	29
" Selectmens Note to Allen & Flagg	650	00
" Military Company	205	50
" Assessors for Services in 1857	136	37
Whole Amt. of Expenditure	32,818	24

Resources of the Town

Amount in Hands of Treasurer		261	36
" " H D P Bigelow Collector for	1854	221	28
" " Geo F Slocomb "	1855	38	64
" " " "	1856	117	48
" " " "	1857	1664	44
C Singletary's Note		1000	00
Town Farm and buildings thereon		6000	00
Personal Property belonging to Farm		2515	61
Three Fire Engines & Fixtures		3417	00
Two Engine Houses		1333	00
Balance in Hands of Liquor Agent		189	47
" Due from David Whites Estate		98	73
Resources		16835	01

Liabilities

Treasurers Note to Grafton Bank due March 16th 1858	3000	00
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	13833	01

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Luke F Allen
Rodney Leland
Geo. F Slocomb
Horace Batchellor
I C Goulding

Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Reports of all the other Town Officers as Printed which are as follows viz

Collectors Report

Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton. to George F. Slocomb. Collector for 1857.

1857					
June	22	Town Grant		12000	00
		State Tax		2241	00
		County Tax		2268	68
		Overlayings		224	99
		Uncollected Taxes for	1855	38	64
		" " "	1856	144	31
1857			Total,	16917	62
Nov.	2				
"	"	To Cash Paid Treasurer		6883	21
"	16	" " " "		2241	00
1858 Jany	4	" " " "		1152	89
"	5	" " " "		2382	82
"	6	" " " "		700	39
"	21				
"	24	" " " "		1106	56
"	"	" " " "		26	83
		Discount on Taxes		603	36
				15097	06
		Amt of Uncollected Taxes		1820	56
				16917	62

Amount of Taxes Uncollected against the following Persons—

John Aldrich		72
John O Aldrich	1	82
John D Adams	18	00
C W Brannon	1	82
O M Brigham as Truste	9	90
B F Barney	1	82
L P Bigelow	19	80
Francis Bennoway	1	82
Richard Burns	1	82
Horace P Brown	5	65
Heirs of Clark Brown	1	35
John Conner	1	82

E. H. Clegg	9	82
Patrick Crowley	1	82
Mrs Charity Collier	4	50
James Clegg	1	82
B D Colver	1	82
James Corning	1	82
Cromwell Carpenter	1	82
O A Drury	1	82
Daniel Dunn	1	82
Joseph Dasher	1	82
Peter Dutren	1	82
John Doling	1	82
Mrs L Dispeau	5	02
Davis Manufacturing Co,	146	45
James F Eddy	13	91
Martin Fassett	15	30
Robert W Flagg	14	74
A J Ford	2	74
B A Green	9	00
M Grantier	1	82
Henry Graves	1	82
J H Grant	1	82
Patrick Gavin	4	59
S N Grey	1	82
Porter B Gifford	1	82
Grafton Manufacturing Co	724	00
Thomas Hoburn	1	82
Adolphus Howe	1	82
A G Hinds	14	85
Nathan Hancock	44	57
A J Harrington	7	20
Mrs Elizabeth Holbrook	9	00
E E Jourdan	1	74
Amasa Jourdan	1	59
Martin Jacobs	31	43
John Jenks	1	82
Joseph Julien	1	82
Charles Kelly	7	00

R S Sewell	9	00
William T Sesure	25	20
F Lincoln	2	32
Geo Leech	1	82
Michael Lahea	1	82
Daniel Leeson	1	82
E J Morse	1	82
Michael Mc Andle	1	82
Charles L Mitchell	4	19
James H Mason	1	82
A J Mc Kinstry	1	82
Mrs Martha Mayo	19	30
A J Newton	2	70
E E Nealy	16	20
Edward O Brien	1	82
Charles E Perkins	1	82
Joseph Porter	1	82
Charles Prentice	59	57
Joseph Pinkham	9	63
Geo W Phillips		84
Patrick Phillips	1	82
Proprietor Quinsigamond Hotel	49	50
Charles R Prentice	2	72
M Quinby & Son	9	91
Joshua Robinson	6	50
Dennis Roach	1	82
John Roach	1	82
Peter Richards	1	91
Heirs of Thaddeus Reed	8	10
Michael Shanesy	1	82
Athamer Stow	1	82
Nelson Smith	1	95
Asa F Smith	114	08
Augustus Salisbury	1	76
John H Stiles	11	05
Arthur Spring	1	82
Eugene A Peter	1	82
Dennis Tellier	1	82

Robert G Taft	13	84
Daniel Wheelock	2	22
Silas Walcott	3	99
George Wright	1	00
Thomas Wheelock	1	80
John Muir	1	82
Nathan Wade Jr	1	82
William G Mitchell	1	82
David Chase	7	20
Lyman Fay	2	25
Gardner Greene	1	13
Miss Lucy Harredon	7	20
L. Huntoon	1	80
William Howe	8	10
Samuel Johnson	2	70
G H Newton		90
Oscar Parker	2	25
Jacob Tourtellott	11	70
Elijah Warren	18	90
Seth C Winslow	13	50
Amount of Taxes uncollected in 1857	164	44
" " " " 1856	117	48
" " " " 1853	38	64
	1820	56

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Geo. F Slocomb Collector

Grafton Feb 24th 1858

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Treasurers Report Cr

Town of Grafton in account with A Slocomb Treasurer —

1857				
March	2	By Amount of Cash on hand	592	35
"	17	" Cash Rec'd of Grafton Bank on Selectmens Note	1468	75
April	7	" " " " " "	1959	00
June	8	" " for Interest on Singletary's Note	60	00
"	30	" Selectmens Note of Rodney Leland	150	00
July	6	" Treasurers Note at Grafton Bank	3000	00
	9	" Selectmens Note " "	1959	00
	11	" of State Treasurer for School fund	190	40
	17	" on Selectmens Note at Grafton Bank	1567	20
Aug	5	" " " " "	1969	00
Sept	14	" " " " "	989	00
Oct	28	" State Treasurer for Support of Paupers	50	54
Nov	2	" Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	6883	21
"	13	" Worcester Mut. fire Insurance Co	500	00
"	"	" " Treasurers Note at Grafton Bank	2908	50
"	"	" " Treasurers Note at Grafton Bank	2908	50
"	16	" " Selectmens Note to Allen & Flagg	640	00
Dec	1	" " of G. F Slocomb Collector for 1857	2241	00
1858 Jany	4	" " " " " "	1152	89
"	5	" " " " " "	2382	82
"	6	" " " " "	700	39
Feb	8	" " of Selectmen	126	16
"	20	" State Treasurer on Act of Military Company	205	50
"	"	" " " on Act of Armory for Do	30	00
"	23	" Geo F Slocomb Collector 1856	26	83
"	25	" " " " "	1106	56
"	"	" of J B White on Account of David White	200	00
			33079	60

Dr Town of Grafton in Account with A Slocomb Treasurer

1857	March	3 To paying Selectmens Order No 1 to L F Allen	162	50
"	"	" " " No 2 B W Flagg	134	18
"	5	" 6 Months Int on Note of 3000 to State Tr.	90	00
"	"	" Selectmens Order No 3 to Wm H Hersey	132	14

continued on

1857 March	6	To paying Selectmens Order	No 4	to Otis Adams	21	99
"	"	"	"	5	" C P Dennis	69	62
"	9	"	"	6	" F H Merriam	20	72
"	12	"	"	7	" Daniel Whitney	80	78
"	16	"	"	8	" B Hagwood	28	63
"	17	"	"	9	" G W Hastings	4	78
"	18	"	"	10	" W Howe	26	99
"	23	"	"	11	" Samuel Hall	19	25
"	"	"	"	12	" J M Newton	84	22
"	27	"	"	13	" Joseph Willard	59	68
"	28	"	"	14	" C D Nourse	59	68
"	30	"	"	15	" Co Commissioners	89	90
"	31	"	"	16	" Jos Whitney	57	81
"	"	"	"	17	" Bradford Chase	12	75
April	2	"	"	18	" J Smith	80	00
"	"	"	"	19	" Winton	68	13
"	"	"	"	20	" F Waterman	500	00
"	3	"	"	21	" Jon[a] Warren	50	00
"	7	"	"	22	" J Bruce & Son	202	00
"	"	"	"	23	" W F Wheeler	46	75
"	8	"	"	24	" C D Aldrich	35	00
"	"	"	"	25	" Joseph Merriam	6	00
"	"	"	"	26	" Joseph Merriam Jr	3	75
"	9	"	"	27	" C J Howland	35	75
"	"	"	"	28	" Chas Brigham	41	87
"	28	"	"	29	" E B Bigelow	35	00
May	5	"	"	30	" J D Wheeler	460	00
"	6	"	"	31	" L Munyan	17	87
"	9	"	"	32	" E R Thompson	35	00
"	"	"	"	33	" W G Whipple	1	87
"	12	"	"	34	" C W Forbush	50	00
"	16	"	"	35	" G W Putnam	35	00
"	18	"	"	36	" J D Wheeler	253	00
June	12	"	"	37	" Joseph Kimball	35	00
"	18	"	"	38	" J B Sibley	35	00
"	24	"	"	39	" E B Knowlton	67	00
"	26	"	"	40	" Wm F Slocum	300	00
"	"	"	"	41	" A J Copp	205	00

1857 July	1	To paying Selectmens Order No 42 to Josiah Hall	8	75	
	"	" " " No 43 to G C Harlow	40	00	
	6	" " " 44 " Rodney Leland	40	00	
	"	" " " 45 " C C Paine	100	50	
	7	" " " 46 " A J Phillips	71	37	
	8	" " " 47 " Selectmen of Milford	71	83	
	"	" " " 48 " O M Brigham	10	87	
	10	" " " 49 " John Hagan	5	25	
	14	" Note to State Treasurer.	3000	00	
	"	" 4 Months & 7 days Int on Same	63	50	
	"	" Selectmens Note at Grafton Bank	1500	00	
	6	" Int on Treasurers Note at Grafton Bank	67	50	
	14	" Selectmens Order No 50 to John Putnam	35	00	
	"	" " " 51 " F McIntire	35	00	
	17	" 52 Hospital Bill	296	00	
	18	" " 53 Lewis Holbrook	357	75	
	20	" " 54 A Starkey	15	00	
		" " 55 " E Saunders	11	75	
		" " 56 " G C Taft	82	50	
	21	" 57 " Joseph Smith	73	70	
		" 58 " H G Prentice	60	00	
	29	" 59 " E Fisher	125	00	
August	5	" Selectmens Note at Grafton Bank	2000	00	
	"	" " Order No 60 to W F Wheeler	22	50	
	20	" " " 61 " J Leonard	66	36	
Sept	2	" " " 62 " S A Pierce	450	00	
"	9	" " " 63 " H Wetson	67	72	
"	"	" " " 64 " Rodney Leland	19	00	
"	12	" " " 65 " N Merriam	48	50	
"	15	" " " 66 " J D Wheeler	50	00	
"	"	" " " 67 " W F Slocum	99	19	
"	16	" " " 68 " J H Wood	70	00	
"	19	" " " 69 " G C Harlow	34	00	
"	25	" " " 70 " Sam'l Hall	31	50	
"	"	" " " 71 " J W White	42	72	
"	30	" " " 72 " P Connelly	6	00	
October	9	" " " 73 " C Watson	8	90	

1857. Oct	15	Paying Selectmens Order No 74 to C B Jenks	52	50
"	16	" " " " 75 " F Waterman	250	00
"	17	" " " " 76 " E B Knowlton	44	00
"	23	" " " " 77 " E Fisher	88	00
"	29	" " " " 78 " C G Prentice	48	00
"	30	" " " " 79 " G C Taft	26	20
"	31	" " " " 80 " Elijah Kimball	35	00
"	"	" " " " 81 " Jon^a Warren	25	00
"	"	" " " " 82 " J H Whitney	48	25
"	"	" " " " 83 " J W Stow	18	25
Novembr	2	" " " " 84 " A S Phillips	40	00
"	3	" Assessors Order to A W Rice	4	50
"	6	" Selectmens Order No 85 to W F Slocomb	262	50
"	"	" " " " 86 " R Leland	12	62
"	"	" Assessors Order to Henry Bates	1	82
"	"	" " " " H. E Benson	1	82
"	"	" " " " Delano Pierce	4	50
"	"	" " " " M C Woodbury	1	45
"	"	" " " " J P Crosby	2	70
"	"	" " " " Alfred Hodden	4	50
"	"	" Selectmens Note at Grafton Bank	2000	00
"	"	" " Order to Military Co	205	50
"	"	" " Note in part to Rodney Leland	50	00
"	9	" " Note at Grafton Bank	2000	00
"	11	" " Order No 87 to L. Colbrook	10	87
"		Assessors Order to S E Brigham	3	60
"	13	" Selectmens Order No 88 to A J Cossit	2	30
"	16	" " Note at Grafton Bank	1600	00
"	17	" " " " "	1000	00
"	"	" " " to Rodney Leland	100	00
"	"	Interest on Same	3	37
"	"	" Selectmens Order No 89 to J H Whitney	116	75
"	"	" " " " 90 D Whitney	10	43
"	19	" " " " 91 J B Bradbury	200	00
"	"	" " " " 92 F McIntire	3	20
		Treasurers Note to Grafton Bank	300	00
December	1	State Tax	2241	00

1857 Dec	19	Paying Selectmens Order No. 934 to	N L Chaffin	1	75
"	25	" " "	94 F Waterman	160	34
	29	" " "	95 G Taft	90	00
	30	" " "	96 D B Wingate	13	26
	31	" " "	97 E Saunders	61	06
	"	" " "	98 F McIntire	19	50
1858 Jan 7	1	" " "	99 Samuel Hall	8	75
"	2	" " "	100 W R Wheelock	40	00
"	"	Assessors Order to	R A Keith	12	15
		" " "	Harrington & Co	9	00
		" " "	Amelia Wheeler	10	80
		" " "	Ebenezer Lincoln	12	60
		" " "	Geo Odlum	13	52
		" " "	Jas Whitney	1	82
		" " "	Elias Miller	1	82
		" "	Heirs of W P Dowley	2	70
		" "	J M Eddy	3	04
		" "	John Lisbee	1	82
		" "	Thos Lounsbury	1	82
		" "	John Innis	1	82
		" "	Jas. Sebeau Jr	1	82
		" "	David Perry	1	82
		" "	Wm Perry	1	82
		" "	Jas Snow	1	82
		" "	W A Sawyer	1	82
		" "	Christian Shadeau	1	82
		" "	J C Whitney	1	82
		" "	Silas Wheelock	1	82
		" "	Hiram Barber	1	82
		" "	B H Buxton	1	82
		" "	Brenno Belenne	1	82
		" "	G W Currier	1	82
		" "	Harrison Case	1	82
		" "	Isaac Clark	1	82
		" "	Lyman Fuller	1	82
		" "	Patrick Fetherston	1	82
		" "	Bushrod Flavin	1	82

1858 Janv	2	To paying Apesors	Order to	Charles Goddard		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	W P Gifford		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Frank Hanley		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Henry Herbert		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Charles Hermon		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Michael Hanley		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Thomas Maxwell		1	82
"	"	" " "	"	Thomas J Baker		1	82
"	5	" Selectmens Order No 101	to	J D Wheeler		474	13
"	"	" County Tax for 1857				2268	68
"	8	" Selectmens Order No 102	to	W F Slocum		152	58
"	"	" " "	103	F McIntire		56	00
"	12	" " "	104	State Lunatic Hospital		146	98
"	20	" " "	105	Henry Wilson		71	00
"	27	" " "	106	A J Phillips		59	29
February	8	" Apesors Order to		J D Wheeler		1	35
"	"	" Selectmens Order No 107	to	W F Wheeler		11	83
"	"	" " "	108	E F Wheeler		6	80
"	"	" " "	109	J H Whitney		33	33
"	"	" " "	110	D B Wingate		160	00
"	15	" " "	111	G C Taft		102	50
"	"	" " "	112	Wm S Bruce		3	20
"	18	" " "	113	R Searles		15	00
"	17	" " "	114	E B Knowlton		67	77
"	19	" " "	115	T Leonard		132	94
"	23	" " "	116	J D Wheeler		40	00
"	24	" " "	117	Erastus Fisher		265	17
"	"	" " "	118	Rodney Leland		127	89
"	"	" " "	119	J W White		170	00
"	"	" " "	120	F Waterman		150	00
"	"	" " "	121	G C Taft		1	46
"	"	" " "	122	Horace Batchelder		8	09
"	25	" Apesors Order to		T Fitzpatrick		1	82
"	"	" Selectmens Note to		Allen & Flagg		640	00
"	"	" 3 Months 9 days Int on		Same		10	56
						32818	24

Amount of Receipts	$33.079.60
" Paid Out	32 818 24
" Cash On Hand	$ 261.36

Amount now Subject to Draft

For High School	$ 408.99
For Common Schools	530.99
	$ 939.96

All of which is respectfully Submitted
Augustus Slocomb Treasurer

Grafton Feb. 25th 1858
A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the inhabitants of Said Town their Annual report of the condition of their Pauper Establishment for the Year ending March 1st 1858 as follows—

Expenses on Farm for Stock Boarding Clothing. Medical Attendance &C.	$ 908.	68
Interest on Real Estate	360	00
Agents Salary	300	00
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	245	81
Labor in House	45	50
Services of Overseers	70	00
Total Expenses	1929	99
Amount of Produce Sold	1011	81
Balance of Inventory above last Year	82	24
	1094	05
Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on the farm	835	94

over

Whole number Supported or assisted on the Farm the last Year	151	
Whole number of weeks.	292	
Average Cost per week		2 86
Whole number Supported or assisted off the Farm the last Year.	97	
Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the last Year.		
Rufus A Johnson		82 00
Charles A Sherman		52 00
Deborah Warren		36 00
Sally Phillips		36 33
For Support & Conveying Adaline Perry to Grafton		7 05
" " " Layman Fuller and Wife		10 43
" " " Jefferson Pain's Family		20 83
" " " Charles Smith and Family		4 20
" " " Reuben Johnson & Wife		3 00
" " " Foster Cardons Family		23 49
" " " Benson Buxtons Family		9 46
" " " Ira Prentice		11 25
" " " Andrew Rivers		1 25
" " " Andrew Burbanks Family		10 95
" " " Mrs Knowland		4 55
" " " Alvira Snow		3 50
" " " Joseph Basley		1 84
Funeral Expenses of Lucy Moore		5 33
for Support & Conveying John Minehan to Monson		8 80
" " " James Dickey "		5 80
" " " Geo W Currier & Family to Monson		22 33
" " Conveying John Junks Children " "		4 05
" " Michael Richards Family "		6 63
" " Geo E Burns & Family "		4 20
" " Raymond Raymond & Family "		3 08
" " John Corcarth "		1 15
Funeral Expenses of Catharine Junks and Child		13 25
Support and conveying Margaret Conner and Child to Waltham		2 50

Conveying Lynch family to Boston	3	30
Support of Samuel Stratton	18	50
Total	183	05
Due from State for support of Paupers	35	80
" " Town of Townsend	11	25
" " Town of Aubridge	9	16
	56	51
Balance for supporting paupers of the farm the past year	426	54
Total Expense of supporting paupers the past year	1262	48

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Frederick Waterman
Ethan R Thompson
Ezra K Pratt
} Oversears of the Poor.

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk —

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Jon^{a} D Wheeler Chief Engineer for expenditures for Fire department for the year ending February 27th 1858 Dr

Engine Company. No 1. Rescue

Paid for Repairs	$9.13
" Fluid Oil and Tallow	6.14
" 12 Chairs	4.50
" Services of 48 men for the year ending May 1st 185^{7} at $5.00	240.00
" Care of Engine & Apparatus one year do	10.00
	270.37

over

Engine Co No 2. - Emperor -

Paid for Repairs	$20.32
" Fluid Oil and Fuel	13 37
" Services of 40 Men for the Year ending May 1st 185[illegible] at $5,00	200.00
" Care of Engine & Apparatus 1 Year do	10.00
	243.69

Engine Co. No 3. - Blackstone -

Paid for Repairs	$20.32
" Fluid, Oil & Tallow, Fluid Can & Pail	24 24
" Services of 39 Men for the Year ending May 1st 185[illegible] at $ 5,00	195.00
" Care of Engine & Apparatus 1 Year do.	10,00
	$236,58
" Use of Horse for No 2 Co. to a fire in Westboro 1856	4,00
" Clearing Engine House G. M. Co for Engine No 2	4 00
" 410 ½ feet Leading Hose to replace Same quantity destroyed at the fire in Engine House No 2	474.13
" Repairing Hose Carriage for Engine No 2.	36,50
	$1269,27
Feb 27th 1858 Balance Cash in hand carried to New Act	10,58
	$1279,85
1857 March. By Balance of last Years Act Cash in hand	,72
" May 5th Cash Received of Town Treasurer	$400,00
" " 18 " " " "	255 00
" Sept 15	50.00
1858. Jan 5th	474 13
" Feb 23.	40 00
1858 March 15th	$1279,85
By Balance brot forward - cash in hand	$10,58

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Jonathan D Wheeler
Chief Engineer Fire Department

Grafton Feb 27th 1858.

Report of D B Wingate

Liquor Agent for the Town of Grafton Feb 20th 1858

Kinds of Liquor purchased	No Gals Purchased	No Bottles Purchased	Amt Paid	No Gals Sold	No Bottles Sold	Amount Recd from Sales	No Gallons on Hand	No Bottles on Hand	Value of Liquor on Hand	Remarks
Alcohol	124½		98.69	86½		109.96	38		25.46	
Holland Gin	83		10439	43.		84 92	40		44,00	
Bourbon Whisky	40½		8586	35		82,12	5½		11.66	30 Gall. Rec'd to Mark agt
Port Wine	22½		60,88	4		16.00	18½		50.88	
Brandy	10.		4560	1		37,20	3		15,96	
Wo'd's Shonassys		2 doz 9 qt 1 " 9 qt	1250	3 gl 11 gl	24. qt 11 qt	1840				1 Bottle Broke when Rec'd
London Porter		6 doz 9 qt	8,64	32	32	576		39	4,68	1 Bottle Broke when Rec'd
Other Liquors Rec'd from town							1		1,33	
"	280½		$411.56	175½		$354,36	106.		153.97	"

D B Wingate Agent in Cash Account with Town of Grafton

1858.

Feb. 20th	To Cash Recvd of Town	$160.00
" "	" for Sales of Liquors	354.36
" "	" Casks.	1.60
		$515.96

Cr.

By Cash paid for Liquors		411.56
" Freights Commissions &c.		27 33
" Faucets		1 50
" Agents Salary to March 1st		41,67
" in Agents hands		2?90-
		$515.96

In Agents hands Feb 20th 1858

Cash on hand		2?.90
106 Gallons Liquors & 39 Bottles Porter at cost	$153 97	
Casks Measures & Faucets Rec'd of Town	250	
Faucets purchased during the Year	150	
Empty Casks on hand at cost	1.60-	187.47

From this take the amount Recvd from the Town Cash $160.00

over

" Cash 160.00
Casks Measures & Faucets 2.50 — 162.30
Leaves a net profit Over all Expenses of 24.97
All of which is Respectfully Submitted
D B Wingate Agent —

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Voted to pass over the 7th Article in the Warrant for the present the General School Committee not being ready to Report —
Voted to pass over the 8th Article in the Warrant for the present the Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery not being ready to Report —
Voted to pass over the 9th Article in the Warrant for the present — the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being ready to Report —

Took up the 10th Article in the Warrant and Voted to raise Nine Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year —

Voted to appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars for Common Schools the Ensuing Year —

Voted to appropriate Six hundred dollars for High School the ensuing Year

Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant —
A motion was made to divide the High School into three terms of Equal length of time — One term to be kept at New England Village — One term to be kept at the center of the Town and one term at the South part of the Town at Farmingsville or Saunders Village —
The Vote being taken upon the motion it was declared by the Moderator that it was not a

Vote to divide the School. The vote was doubted and a division of the House called for and Ordered those in favor of dividing the School being on the North end of the Town Hall – Those Opposed to dividing the School being on the South end of the Hall the whole number of Voters present having been counted by the Selectmen were declared to be divided as follows, viz One hundred and thirteen in favor of dividing the School, and One hundred and fifty nine Opposed – then declared "not a Vote to divide the School

A Motion was made to locate the High School in the center of the Town. and upon the vote being taken it was declared by the Moderator carried in the Affirmative. The vote was doubted and a division of the House called for and Ordered. those in favor of locating the High School in the Center of the Town being on the South End of the Hall. Those Opposed being on the North end

The whole number of Voters present were then counted by the Selectmen. and found to Stand as follows. On the South End of the Hall. Those in favor of locating the High School in the center of the Town were: One hundred and Seventy Seven On the North End of the Hall. Those Opposed to Locating the High School in the center of the Town were One Hundred and thirteen. It was then declared to be a vote to locate the High School in the center of the Town –

Took up the 11th Article in the Warrant George W Coomb Jr. Mooved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Town Appropriated Six hundred dollars for a High School. and upon the vote being taken it was declared not to be a vote to Reconsider

It was then moved that an additional appropriation of One hundred dollars be mad to New England Village. One hundred dollars to Farnums ville and One Hundred dollars to Saunders village for commun Schools,
Voted not to make Said Appropriations.
It was then moved that an additional appropriation of Eighty Dollars be made to New England Village. Eighty Dollars to Farnumsville and Eighty Dollars to Saunders village for common Schools.

The vote being taken. it was declared not a vote to make the appropriation. The vote was doubted. and a division of the House called for and Ordered. those in favor of making the aforesaid appropriation being on the North end of the Hall and those opposed being on the South end of the Hall. -

The whole number of voters present having been counted by the Selectmen were declared to be as follows. viz Ninety three in favor of making the appropriation and One Hundred and Twenty two opposed to it. not a vote to make the appropriation --

Then voted to pass over the article --

A motion was then made to adjourn this meeting "One fortnight from today at nine Oclock in the forenoon" - voted not to adjourn
By vote On motion took up the twenty second article in the warrant, -
Voted to choose by nomination a Committee of One from Each School District to make a new division of the "School money" as petitioned for by John McClellan and Others ---

By Nomination Chose for said Committee for
District No 1 William F Slocum
" " 2 Orlando Whitney
" " 3 Lawson Mungan
" " 4 Hollis Chamberlain
" " 5 William F Wheeler
" " 6 Levi Rawson
" " 7 Charles Brigham
" " 8 Joseph B Adams
" " 9 Asa F Smith
" " 10 John McClellan
" " 11 Jonas H Allen

A motion was made to take up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant. - Voted in the negative
A motion was mad to adjourn — not carried

Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant. and On motion Voted. "That all Persons who shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Sixty days from the time they are committed to him. Shall Receive a discount of ten percent and that all Taxes shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer. On or before the first day of January. next and all Poll Taxes Shall be payable on demand. The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected Once in thirty days —

By Voted put up the collecting of Taxes at Auction to the lowest bidder — Augustus Slocomb Offered to collect the Taxes for one Sixteenth of One percent and they were Struck off to him at that price ---

Took up the 2d Article in the warrant and by Ballot chose Augustus Slocomb Collector for the year ensuing —

Augustus Slocomb was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office March 3. by James W White Town Clk

Took up the fourteenth Article in the Warrant Voted to Authorize the Several prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their Respective School Districts -

Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant. and voted to allow the Sextons the same as last year for burying the Dead - which was for digging and filling the grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a death. and tolling the Bell at the funeral and attending the funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse. One Dollar and Seventy five cents - Also the friends of the deceased to pay One Dollar

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant J McIntire moved an additional appro=priation of One Hundred and fifty dollars for the High School. . One hundred dollars for New England Village District. One Hundred Dollars for Tarrumsbill District and One hundred dollars for Saunders Village District for common Schools -

The Vote being taken upon the motion it was declared not to be a Vote to make the aforesaid appropriation. The Vote was doubted and a division of the House called for and Ordered - Those in favor of making the aforesaid appropriations being on the South End of the Hall - Those opposed being on the North End of the Hall - The whole number of Voters present having been counted by the Selectmen. were as follows viz Those in favor of making the aforesaid appropriations were Ninety One. Those Opposed to making the aforesaid appropriations were One hundred and nine - not a Vote to make the aforesaid appropriations

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting for two weeks. Voted not to adjourn —

Took up the Seventeenth Article in the warrant. and on motion Voted to Choose a Committee to build an Engine House at New England Village —

On motion Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to build the Engine House at New England Village —

Took up the twenty third article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Suspend the provisions of the Act refered to in said article for One Year —

A motion was made to adjourn Voted not to adjourn —

Took up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant A motion was made to add three to the Committee to build an Engine House at New England Village. Vote declared in the negative

Took up the fifteenth Article in the Warrant; and On motion Voted to authorize the Selectmen to cause one of the Church Bells to be rung at 12 M and 9 Oclock P.M. the ensuing Year —

Took up the Sixteenth article in the warrant. and on motion Voted to allow Engine Men the same as last Year with the same restrictions —

Took up the Eighteenth article in the warrant and on motion Voted to accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box — which is as follows — viz

Seth J Axtell	Charles Goddard	Leander Stockwell
Jonas H Allen	Lewis Holbrook	Augustus Slocomb
Cyrus D Aldrich	Nathan Hancock	Geo F Slocomb
Charles Brigham	Benj Haywood	Esek Saunders
Horace Batchellor	Austin Holbrook	Cyrus W Stratton
Horace P Brown	John P Hayden	J W Slocomb
A M Bigelow	Alfred Holden	Calvin S Thurston
Hillel Baker	Levi C Haywood	Silas Winton
William S Bruce	James M Kimball	Moses C Woodbury
Geo W Crombie	Levi N Leland	Francis Winn
Solomon Carroll	Rodney Leland	Henry Wilson
John C Davis	Joseph W Leland	John Whitney
Geo M Dunn	Stephen N Longee	Rufus C Warren
John M Davenport	Noah K Merriam	Stephen R White
Lorin Davis	John McClellan	Willis Works
Sumner Dinsmore	Benj K Moulton	D B Wingate
Sam B Dolliver	Barnabas Newton	Lowel White
Samuel C Flagg	John M Newton	Joseph H Whitney
Wm A Fiske	John Putnam Jr	Wm R Wheelock
Benj W Fay	James G Putnam	John Waterman
Hiram Fernald	Sam W Putnam	J H Wood
Winthrop Faulkner	C M Pratt	Frederick Waterman
Nelson Ferry	Sam F Redding	Orlando Whitney

The Selectmens Report on Guide Posts was presented and accepted as follows. viz

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to present their Report of all the places at which Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within said town of Grafton as follows

At the corner of the Roads near Warren Block

" " The House of J D Wheeler

" " Near the House of L H. Allen

" " " The House of William Wallace

" " " The Barn of Sam. H Allen

" " Northerly of the Slaughter House of Keith and Waterman

At the corner of the Roads near the Indian Burying ground
" " " " School House in Farnums ville
" " " Store of Wright and Morse
" " " House of Jefferson Bellows
" " " " Wid D T Smith -
" " " " Nelson Fery
" " " " Austin Holbrook
" " " " Haverlain Eddy
" " " near Saunders Brick Store
" " " " the House of John McClellan -
" " " " Occupied by Thomas J Paine
" " " of Charles Daniels
At Each of the corners near the Burying Ground
" the Corner near the Quinsigamond House N Village
" " " a little west of the last named place
" " " near the House of Charles T Fay -
" " " " Meeting House in N. C. Village
" " " " House of Jasper Putnam -
" " " Northerly of the House of James Houghton
" " " near the House of Nathan S Wheelock
" " " " " " Joseph Kimball -
" Two places between the last named places -
" the Corner near the House of H. J. Pratt -
" " " " " " " Calvin Clesbey
" " " " Barn of Benj W Fay
" " " " House of L S Leland
" " " West of the House of Geo. Dunn -
" " " near the House of Wm A Fiske -
" " " " Jonathan Sibley -
" " " " Joseph Bruce -

Luke F Allen
Rodney Leland
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchellor
S C Goulding
} Selectmen of Grafton

Took up the 8th Article in the Warrant
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery
by their Treasurer made their annual Report
which was Accepted as follows —
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery
through their Treasurer would present the
following Report to the Town —

April 6th 1857	Balance in the Treasury	$111,61
	Recieved for Lots Sold	45,59
"	for Wood & Lumber	2,05
	Amount in Treasury	$159,25

No changes of importance have taken place
the past Year

Lewis Holbrook Treasurer

Grafton March 1st 1858

A True Copy
Attest

James M White Town Clerk

Took up the 21st Article in the Warrant
James F Thoundikts Bill was presented
and by both Rejected —
George F Slocombs Bill was presented
and by both Rejected —

Took up the 24th Article in the Warrant and
on motion voted to Authorize the Treasurer
to make a "Turnament loan of three thousand
dollars for one Year" —
Then voted to adjourn this meeting
to the first Monday in April next at one
Oclock P.M. at the Town Hall
Attest

James M White
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents I Jonathan B Sibley of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Henry F Wing and Charles A Pierce of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five Hundred dollars to be paid unto the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Witness Our hands and Seals this first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Eight—

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas at the Annual Meeting of Said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the first day of March in the Year Eighteen Hundred and fifty Eight, the Said Jonathan B Sibley was duely Elected a Constable of Said Grafton for the Year Ensuing

Now if the Said Jonathan B Sibley Shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil processes which may be committed to him as Such Constable. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force power and Virtue.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
Wm F Slocum

Jonathan B Sibley L S
Henry F Wing L S
Chas A Pierce L S.

We have Examined the within Bond and Approve the Same.

R Leland
G F Slocomb
H Batchelor
S G Goulding
S A Forbush

Selectmen of Grafton

Know all Men by these presents that I Willard D Wheeler of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and Winthrop Faulkner and Horace S Warren of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and Just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the Said inhabitants of Grafton their Successors or Assigns to the which payment well and Truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Witness our hands and Seals this fourth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight— The condition of this Obligation is Such That Whereas at the Annual Meeting of Said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the first day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight the Said Willard D Wheeler was duly Elected a Constable of Said Grafton for the Year then ensuing Now if the Said Willard D Wheeler Shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Services of civil processes which may be committed to him as such Constable then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue—

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Cyrus D Aldrich

W D Wheeler L.S.
Winthrop Faulkner L.S.
H S Warren. L.S.

We have Examined the within bond and approve the Same

R Leland
G F Slocomb
H Batchelor
I E Goulding
I A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the County of Worcester as Principal and James G Putnam and Horace S Warren of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and stand firmly bound unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. their Successors or Asigns. to the Which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents — Witness Our hands and Seals this tenth day of March A D One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight —

The condition of this Obligation is Such Whereas at the Annual Meeting of said inhabitants of Grafton held on the first day of March 1858 the said Barnabas Newton was duly Elected as Constable of said Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing. Now if the said Newton Shall Faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of Civil processes which may be committed to him as such constable. then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise Shall remain in full force power and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
W D Wheeler

Barnabas Newton LS
James G Putnam LS
H S Warren LS

We have Examined the within Bond and approve the same

R Leland
G F Slocomb
H Batchelor
S E Goulding
I A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Henry B Fairbanks of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and C M Pratt & John R Lounsbery of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaide in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Adminstrators firmly by these presents — Witness Our hands and Seals this — day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. at the Annual Meeting of Said inhabitants of Grafton held on the first day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight the Said Henry B Fairbanks was duly Elected a constable of Said Grafton for the Year ensuing — Now if the Said Henry B Fairbanks Shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of Civil processes which may be committed to him as Such Constable then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise Shall remain in full force and vertue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Emma F Lounsbery

Henry B Fairbanks 2d
C M Pratt Sel
J R Lounsbury Sel

We have Examined the within Bond and approve the Same —

R Leland
G F Slocomb
I A Forbush
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James M White Town Clerk

Grafton April 5th 1858

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall pursuant to adjournment from March 1st AD 1858. and transacted the following business to wit - The Records of the last meeting were read and approved -

The General School Committee presented their Report which was "laid on the Table and Ordered to be printed"

The Committee on Repairing Highways made a Report which was accepted as follows

The Committee Chosen at the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton holden on the first day of March A D 1858 "to take into consideration the matter of Repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing year and Report at an adjourned meeting" have attended to that duty and submit the following Report viz

"That a Labor Tax of fifteen hundred dollars be raised and expended in the usual manner upon the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing year. and that three Hundred dollars be appropriated for Special repairs to be Expended in the following manner. Fifty dollars in the district where Silas E Stod was Surveyed in 1857 fifty dollars in Merriam district

Forty dollars in the district where Joseph Adams 2d was Surveyed in 1857. Forty dollars in the district where Joseph H Whitney was Surveyed in 1857 twenty five dollars in George Hill district - Thirty five dollars in the Farm district

Twenty dollars in the district where Lewis Colbrook was Surveyed in 1857. Twenty dollars in Brigham Hill district. Twenty dollars in the district where Augustus Salisbury was Surveyed in 1857—

Your Committee would also Recommend that the new Road leading from the West Side of the Common to the County Road near Mrs Clark's. Also the County Road leading from the corner of the Roads near Royal Leland's to the House of C W Forbush Situated in the Corner of Roads westerly of L S Potts. residence be added to Centre district.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

A M Bigelow Chairman

Grafton April 5th 1858.

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Town Clerk gave notice that Ethan R Thompson one of the Overseers of the Poor elected March first A D 1858. had removed from town and had Resigned his Office whereupon it was Voted to Accept his Resignation and to proceed to choose another in his Stead—then By Ballot chose Joseph B Adams. Overseer of the Poor in place of Ethan R Thompson Resigned—

Voted to choose thirteen Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing by nomination Chose E B Bigelow Sworn April 12th 1858 by Town Clerk

Wm Kersey " " "

Wm A Fiske. Sworn April 9th 1858 by Town Clerk

Charles Brigham Sworn May 31st 58 by Town Clerk

F H Merriam Sworn April 9th 1858 by Town Clerk

Joseph Kimball Sworn May 31st/58 by Town Clerk

Hollis Chamberlin Sworn April 13th 1858 by Town Clerk

John McClellan Sworn April 12th 1858 by Town Clerk
L H Bigelow Sworn April 15th 1858 by Town Clerk
Jefferson Bellows. Sworn April 5th 1858 by Town Clerk
John P Crosby Sworn April 13th 1858 by Town Clerk
E P Dennis Sworn April 9th 1858 by Town Clerk -
Elliot Barber Sworn June 5 1858 by Town Clerk

for Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year

Voted to take up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant
John McClellan Submitted in writing the
following Motion. That we Appropriate Five
hundred dollars now for Schools and that
it be divided as follows to wit.
To District No 6. One hundred and twenty dollars
To District No 10 Eighty dollars.
To District No 9. One hundred and fifty dollars -
To Districts No 3.— 4. and 11 fifty dollars Each
provided these Several districts Shall employ
a Teacher three months at least during the year
competent to teach the branches required by
Law in a High School of Towns of five hundred
families and less than four thousand Inhabitants
and that the adjoining Districts have the
Privilege of Sending to either of these Schools
all Scholars qualified to Study the Branches
as required above during the three months— and
One hundred dollars to the center District
for common School purposes—
Voted to adopt Mr McClellans Motion -

23 " The Committee Chosen at the
annual meeting to make a new division
of the School money Submitted their
Report which was adopted as follows

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton
The committee appointed to consider and
Report how the moneys for the Support
of the ~~District~~ Schools in Town Shall be

Apportioned among the Several School Districts, have duly considered the same and make the following Report—

They recommend that the moneys for the Support of the district Schools in Town be Apportioned among the Several School districts as follows—

To District	No 1..	22½	per cent
"	" No 2	5⅛	"
"	" No 3	5¼	"
"	" No 4	5⅜	"
"	" No 5	5	"
"	" No 6	12½	"
"	" No 7	5	"
"	" No 8	5	"
"	" No 9	19½	"
"	" No 10	9½	"
"	" No 11	5¼	"

All of which is Respectfully Submitted for The Committee

Wm F. Slocum Chairman

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

(N.B. This Report should have been recorded immediately following the report of the committee on Repairing highways)

Took up the twelfth article in the Warrant and voted to Reconsider the vote passed on the first day of March A D 1858 whereby the Town made a discount of ten per cent to all persons shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Sixty days from the time they are committed to him— . Voted that no discount be made— Voted to Reconsider the last vote — and then voted that a discount of five per cent be made to all persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the

Collector within Sixty days from the time they are committed to him –

Art 10 Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars Labor Tax. to be expended upon the Highways in the usual manner –

Art 11 Voted to Appropriate three hundred dollars for Special Repairs upon the Highways to be Expended as recommended by the Committee's Report upon the manner of Repairing Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year –

Voted to Accept the Report of the General School Committee without hearing it Read

Then Voted to dispolve this Meeting

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss Worcester County.

To the Honorable County Commissioners within and for the County of Worcester.

Respectfully represents your Petitioners Seaneth F Smith of Northbridge Wm B Smith of Grafton. Rhoda L Smith by herself and next friend and Guardian Calvin W Forbush both of said Grafton and Silas A Pierce and Nancy M Pierce in right of His wife the said Nancy M Pierce also of said Grafton. and Lewis Pierce of Sutton in said County of Worcester. That at a Meeting of said County Commissioners held at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September 1856 and by adjournment on Tuesday the Twenty Eighth day of October A D 1856 upon petition of Royal Keith and Others of said Grafton the said Commissioners laid Out and Located a Town Road Over the rout set forth in said petition last named now on file in the Records of the doings of said Commissioners described by them as follows to wit. Beginning at the end of the location of said Town way over Land of the Town of Grafton known as Grafton Common. Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 17 Links to Stake No 3. Thence over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 4 Rods to Stake No 4. Thence Over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 5 Rods and 16 Links. from a point 13 Links Easterly of Stake No 3 to a point 5 Rods and 16 Links Westerly to Stake No 4 a portion of the location On the Southerly Side is Over Land of Silas A Pierce and a portion of the Location on the Northerly Side is over Land belonging to the Evangelical Congregational Society a Corporation in said Town of Grafton. the remainder of the Location in the centre is over Land dedicated to the public and claimed by Silas A Pierce. Thence Over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 2 Links to Stake No 5. Thence Over Land of Silas A Pierce the same course 4 Rods and Three Links to Stake No 6 Thence over Land of Silas A

Pierce the Same course 1 Rod and 4 Links to Land of
Calvin W Forbush. From a point two Links Easterly
of Stake No 5 to a point One Rod and 4 Links Easterly
of Stake No 6 a portion of the Location on the Southerly
Side is over Land of Silas A Pierce and over Land of
the present petitioners described as follows to wit

Situated on the Westerly Side of the common
in Said Grafton and Bounded as follows - Beginning
at a Split Stone at a corner of Land formerly Owned
by Charles Brigham Thence North 89° West by Said Land
120 feet Thence South 10° West 44 ft - to Land of C W
Forbush Thence North 89° West about 130 feet to Said
Forbush's corner. Thence North 1° West Six & 3/4 Rods
to center of Rear Street. Thence in a Straight line to
bound first Mentioned at place of beginning with
all the privileges and Appurtenances thereto belonging

Said Road extending from the Said Common
over and upon the northerly part of Said Land
to Land of Calvin W Forbush according to the
Report aforesaid of Said commissioners now
on file in the Office of their Clerk - And the
Said Leander F Smith Jm B Smith Rhoda A
Smith by herself and Guardian C W Forbush
and Silas A Pierce and Nancy M Pierce his Wife
and in her right Further Say that they are the Owners
in common of the remainder in Fee of Said
Estate. the Same being Subject to the Tenancy of
Nancy F Smith her Assigns. So long as She Should live
and remain Unmarried the Widow of Nathaniel
Smith Late of Said Grafton deceased. And the
Said Lewis Pierce Says that he is the Owner in Fee
as of Mortgage of Said Estate by a Mortgage given
by Nathaniel Smith to Sullivan Newton dated
April 17th A D 1852 and Recorded in the Registry of
deeds for Said County of Worcester Book 491 Page 87
and assigned by Said Newton to Said Pierce

over

And Said commissioners have allowed nothing to Your Said Petitioners as damages to be Sustained in consequence of the Location and construction of Said Road= Therefore the Said Petitioners being aggrieved by the doings of Said Commissioners Respectfully ask that they may have a jury to determine the Nature of their complaint and for Such Order in relation thereto as the Law in Such case provides —

Leander F Smith Hmy B Smith & Calvin W Forbush Guardian of Rhoda L Smith, Silas A Pierce Nancy M Pierce Lewis Pierce by their Atty.

C E Pratt

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the Fourth Tuesday of March A D 1858. On the Petition aforesaid Ordered that the Said Petitioners notify the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Grafton to appear at the meeting of Said Commissioners to be holden at Worcester aforesaid on the third Tuesday of June next by serving them with an Attested Copy of Said Petition and this Order thereon thirty days at Least before Said third Tuesday of June that they may then and there Shew cause why the Prayer thereof Should not be granted —

Wm A. Smith Asst Clerk

A Copy of the Petition and Order of notice thereon

Wm A Smith Asst Clerk

A Copy

J Day Deputy Sheriff —

A true Copy Received April 2d A D 1858

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the nineteenth day of April Current at One Oclock P M to act on the following Articles to Wit

1st To Choose a Moderator to Preside in said Meeting

2. To See what action if any the Town will Take on the Petition of Leander F Smith of Northbridge Wm B Smith of Grafton Rhoda L Smith by herself and Guardian Calvin W Forbush of said Grafton and Silas A Pierce and Nancy M Pierce in right of his wife the said Nancy M Pierce also of said Grafton and Lewis Pierce of Sutton in the County of Worcester for a Jury to determine the nature of their complaint relative to the Laying Out a Town way by the County Commissioners over Land Claimed to be Owned by Silas A Pierce.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village to Stand Over Two Sundays at least before the time of Holding said Meeting. Hereof Fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under Our hands this fifth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Eight.

Rodney Leland.
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchelor
S E Goulding
S A Forbush

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

April 9th AD 1858. I have this day served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting houses as therein directed —

J B Sibley Constable of Grafton —

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 19th 1858

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. Qualified to vote in Town affairs held in the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the following proceedings were had viz

1st By Ballot chose Willard D Wheeler Moderator

Took up the 2 Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted. to raise a Committee of three to take charge of the matte contained in the Article — By nomination chose Lewis Holbrook A M Bigelow and Esek Saunders. Said Committee —

by vote dispolved the Meeting —

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 17th 1858

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day at their Office the following Officers were appointed as by vote of the Town passed March 1st 1858 viz- Measurers of Wood and Bark

W D Wheeler " Sworn April 20th 1858 by Town Clerk
C C Wood " Sworn April 21st 1858 by Town Clerk
J D Cholla
Gilbert C Taft Sworn Apl 22 1858 by Town Clerk
Jas C Wright
Nelson Perry
F W Jacobs Sworn April 23rd 1858 by Town Clerk
Lewis H Bigelow Sworn April 23. 1858 by Town Clerk
E J Leland
O B Wingate Sworn Nov 15th 185 by Town Clerk
Cyrus D Aldrich

Surveyors of Lumber

Wm T Leisure
Noah Fletcher
Moses Quinby
C B Jencks

Sealers of Leather

John Whitney
Lewis W Dodge Sworn April 21st 1858 by Town Clerk
Geo W Estabrook Sworn April 23 1858 by Town Clerk

Sealer of Weights & Measures-

Nathan Hancock Sworn April 30th

Weighers of Coal &c

C D Aldrich Sworn April 26th
J D Cholla
Saml Harrington Sworn April 21st 1858 by Town Clerk

Pound Keeper

L S Pratt, declines. Benj Kingsbury app'd. Declined and Joshua Congdon Appointed Aug 21st 1858 accepted

Fence Viewers.

Elijah Howe Sworn April 24
Geo W Howe
Charles Batchelor

James M White Town Clerk

Board of Engineers for Fire department

Jon^a D Wheeler
Horace S Warren
Joseph W Leland
Barnabas Newton
Jefferson Bellows
Alfred Morse
Gilbert C Taft
D B Wingate. Declined E B Brooks appointed
Samuel B Dolliver
Lawson Munyan

Declined. G F Slocomb apt.

D B Wingate. Liquor Agent.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a meeting appointed Dexter B Wingate. an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors. and to Sell the Same within. for and on account of Said Town. to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no other for One Year from May 28 AD. 1858. to May 28th 1859. unless Sooner removed from Said Agency— Now if the Said Dexter B Wingate Shall in all respects conform to the Provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed. and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be Established by the Board of Selectmen making the appointment. then this appointment to remain in full force. Otherwise to be void.

The place for the Sale of Liquors to be in the Store now occupied by Said Wingate in New England Village. being the first building north of the Bridge. on the East Side of the Road leading from Grafton Center to Shrewsbury — —

Grafton May 28th AD 1858

R Leland
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchelor
I A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

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Know all men by these presents that I Augustus Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and John F Slocomb and B K Moulton of Said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars for the Payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents —

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this third day of June in the Year One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight —

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas the Said Augustus Slocomb has been Chosen Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of his respective duty — Now if the Said Augustus Slocomb Shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully collect, account for and pay Over all Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect, and also discharge all Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise it Shall remain in in full force and virtue —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
E A Slocomb

Augustus Slocomb
J. F. Slocomb
Benjamin K. Moulton

We have Examined the within Bond and Approve the Same —

R Leland
C F Slocomb
H Batchelor
L A Forbush
James W White

Selectmen of Grafton
Town Clerk

A True Copy. ~~Attest~~

Grafton August 21st 1858

This certifies that we have this day appointed Joshua Longdon Pound Keeper

G F Slocomb
S A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

To J W White Town Clerk.

A True Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge in the commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby certify that we have met this day and Perambulated the Boundary Lines betwen said Towns of Grafton and Northbridge as the Law directs --

Dated at Grafton and Northbridge this thirtieth Day of August A D 1858

Rodney Leland
Horace Batchelor
} Selectmen of Grafton

Luke Farnum
J W Morse
} Selectmen of Northbridge

A True Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that We. Dexter B Wingate as Principal and C M Pratt and G. M. Smith as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them, their Successors or Assigns- to which payment we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Exec- -utors and Administrators Jointly and Severally. firmly by these presents.- Sealed With Our Seals and dated this twenty Eighth day of May A.D. 1858-

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the above Bound Dexter B Wingate has been duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the Same Within- for- and On account of Said Town to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other. until the twenty Eighth day of May A.D 1859 Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency -

Now if the Said Dexter B Wingate Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the busines for which he is Appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the Board making the Appointment then this Obligation to be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force -

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of Robert Morey

D B Wingate L.S
C M Pratt L.S
G M Smith L.S

Examined & Approved G F Slocomb H Batchelor S E Goulding Selectmen of Grafton

This certifies that We have this day Appointed Rev William G Scandlin. General School Committee to fill the Vacancy Occasioned by the Resignation of Wm F Wheler and Rev J J Woodbury to fill the Vacancy Occasioned by the Resignation of Levi Rawson ..

J J Woodbury accepts Nov 6th 1858 W G Scandlin Accepts Nov 8th 1858

Grafton November 8th 1858

R Leland
G F Slocomb
H Batchelor
S E Goulding
F McIntire
} Selectmen of Grafton

General- -School Committee

A True Copy Attest
James W White
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester— Greeting:

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Second day of November next. at Nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month. to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor. Secretary. Treasurer and Reciver General Auditor of Accounts. and Attorney General. of the Commonwealth. and for a Senator for the East Worcester District for the year Ensuing. Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their votes for a Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Worcester for five years from the first Wednesday of January next. Also to bring in their Votes for a Counselor for District No. Six. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative. to Represent the ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts in the thirty Sixth Congress of the United States and Also to choose a Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The Votes for all the above Officers. will be Received on One Ballot or on Separate Ballots as best Suits the Voters. Each Vote to Specify the Officer Voted for— The Polls will be Opened to receive the Votes for the above Officers at half past Nine Oclock A. M. on said Day. —

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And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an attested copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England billage. Farmums bille and Saunders billage ten days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting - Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid - Given Under Our Hands this fifteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight

Rodney Leland
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchelor
S. E. Goulding
S A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.
October 22d 1858

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed

J B Sibley Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

Attest James W White. Town Clerk

Grafton November 2d A D 1858

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The meeting was called to Order by Rodney Leland Chairman of the board of Selectmen. The Warrant was read by Town Clerk and on Motion it was Voted that the Polls be closed at three Oclock P M.

The Votes having been all given in and Sorted and Counted were found to be for the following Persons and in the following Numbers

For Governor

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and ten — 410

For Lieut Governor

Nathaniel P Banks of Waltham had two hundred and fifty two Votes 252

Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had Eighty three Votes — 83

Amos A Lawrence of Brookline had Seventy five Votes 75

For Lieutenant Governor

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was four hundred and ten — 410

Elisha Hale Trask of Springfield had two hundred and fifty two Votes 252

Charles Thompson of Charlestown had Eighty three Votes — 83

Increase Sumner of Great Barrington had Seventy five Votes — 75

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

over

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred and nine 409

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and fifty three Votes 253

John M Cole of Williamstown had Eighty two Votes. 82

Benjamin L Allen of Boston had Seventy three Votes 73

C D Aldrich of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was four hundred and Eight 408

Moses Tenny Jr. of Georgetown had two hundred and fifty three Votes 253

Silas Pierce of Boston had Eighty Votes 80

Alvan G Underwood of Milford had Seventy four Votes 74

L F Allen of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor of Accounts was four hundred and Seven 407

Charles White of Worcester had two hundred and fifty two Votes 252

Seymour L Mead of Nantucket had Eighty One Votes 81

Chandler R Ransom of Roxbury had Seventy three Votes 73

W D Wheeler of Grafton had one Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was four hundred and Nine 409

Stephen H. Phillips of Salem had two hundred and fifty four Votes 254

Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had Eighty One Votes 81

Andrew A. Richmond of Adams had Seventy three Votes 73

J H. Wood of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the East Worcester District was three hundred and Eighty Eight 388

Abraham M Bigelow of Grafton had One hundred and Eighty three Votes. 183

Otis F Binton of Westborough had two hundred and three Votes 203

Barnabas Newton of Grafton had One Vote 1

Liberty Wood of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for Counselor for District No. Six - was four hundred and nine 409

Aaron C Mayhew of Milford had two hundred and fifty five Votes 255

A. F Ammidown of Southbridge had Eighty Votes 80

Uriah Bowker of Hopkinton had Seventy three Votes. 73

H. S Warren of Grafton had One Vote. 1

The Whole Number of Votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester was four hundred and ten. 410

Asaph Wood of Gardner had two hundred and forty eight Votes 248

J W Mansur of Fitchburg had Eighty one Votes 81

Seth Tucker of Winchendon had Eighty Votes 80

William T Aldrich of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for County Treasurer for the County of Worcester was four hundred and fourteen. 414

Anthony Chase of Worcester had three hundred and thirty four Votes. 334

Emory Sanford of Oxford had Eighty Votes 80

The Whole number of Votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Worcester was four hundred and twelve 412

George M Prentice of Worcester had two hundred and nineteen Votes 219

John J Piper of Fitchburg had one hundred and ninety three Votes. 193

The Whole number of Votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester was four hundred and five. 405

Alexander H Wilder of Worcester had four hundred and five Votes. 405

The Whole number of Votes for a Representative to Represent the ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts in the thirty Sixth Congress of the United States was three hundred and ninety four 394

Eli Thayer of Worcester had three hundred and Eight. Votes 308

Nathaniel Wood of Fitchburg had Eighty three Votes 83

J W Leland of Grafton had One Vote 1

Winthrop Faulkner of Grafton had One Vote 1

R L Witherby of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for a Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. was four hundred and One 401

Horace Batchelor of Grafton had One Vote 1
Charles Goddard of Grafton had Forty Seven Votes 47
S A Forbush of Grafton had One hundred and Sixty One Votes 161
Gilbert C Tafft of Grafton had One hundred and ninety two Votes and was Elected 192

A True Copy of each of the forgoing Votes having been made Out in proper and legal form Signed by the Selectmen and certified by the Town Clerk Sealed up and public declaration thereof made in Open Town Meeting as the Law directs.
On Motion Voted to dissolve this Meeting

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester- Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of November next at One Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles to Wit -

1st To choose a Moderator to Preside in Said meeting

2d To See if the Town will make any Alterations in their Town Hall by the Purchase of the Town Story of the Congregational Society's Meeting house or act thereon as Petitioned for by Esek Saunders and Others -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in the center of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting -

Herof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given Under Our hands. this twenty first day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight

George F Slocomb
S. E. Goulding
S A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. October 22 1858 I have this day served the foregoing warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses as therein directed ~~[illegible]~~ J B Sibley Constable of Grafton

A True Copy ~~[illegible]~~ James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November D 1858

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following business was transacted viz. 1st By Ballot chose I D Hall Moderator

Art 2d. On Motion Voted to choose a Committee of five by nomination. to take into consideration the whole matter contemplated by this Article to confer with the Society with regard to the Purchase of the Room mentioned - to ascertain the probable Expense of the purchase. and also of the fitting up of the Same. and Report the same at some future Meeting - and also Report a Plan for the Same - -

By nomination chose Esek Saunders C M Pratt Charles Goddard. J W Slocomb and Lewis Holbrook Said Committee. then by Vote Dissolved this Meeting -

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of March next at nine Oclock A. M. to act on the following Articles to Wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

" 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.-

" 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.-

" 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and Act Thereon.

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act Thereon

" 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon-

" 7th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon-

" 8th To hear the Report of the Trustees of River Side Cemetery and act Thereon-

" 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon

" 10th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing Year

Art 11th To Raise Such Sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same — and act thereon —

12th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct — and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer. and fix the Compensation of the Collector. and act thereon —

13th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the ensuing Year and act thereon —

14th To See if the Town will Authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their Respective School Districts or act thereon —

15th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M. and nine Oclock P M or act thereon —

16th To See what compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the Year Ensuing and act thereon —

17th To See if the Town will accept the List of names. prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon —

18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the ensuing Year —

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Art 19th To See what action if any the Town will take in Relation to the Tax now Standing against Benedict A Green

" 20th To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon —

" 21st To accept Town Debts —

" 22d To See if the Town will Suspend in whole or in part the Law passed by the Legislature of this Commonwealth on the 25th day of March 1857 in Relation to catching Pickerel or Trout So that individuals will not be liable to prosecution or act thereon as petitioned for by P H Haywood and Others

" 23 To See if the Town will make any alteration in their Town Hall by the Room Over the Hall now Owned by the Congregational Society or Act thereon

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village, to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting — Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid — Given under Our hands this twenty third day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine

Rodney Leland
Horace Batchelor
S Goulding
S A Forbush

Selectmen of Grafton

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Worcester ss. February 25th 1859.

Shaw This day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed

J B Sibley Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 7th 1859

At the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in said Town pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had—viz—

1st By Ballot. Chose S D Hall. Moderator

2d Prayer by Rev Mr Scandlin—

On Motion Voted to "bring in the votes for a Town Clerk. five Selectmen. three Assessors. three Overseers of the Poor. a Town Treasurer. two General School Committee. a Trustee for Riverside Cemetery and Town Constables. on One Ballot."—

By Ballot Chose James W White Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting—(213 Votes 3 Scatg)

By Ballot Chose. S A Forbush. Horace Batchelor C D Aldrich. S C. Flagg and E B Brooks Selectmen for the Year Ensuing, each of whom came forward and were duly Sworn by James W White Town Clerk and immediately entered upon the duties of their Office

By Ballot chose. for Assessors for the ensuing Year
J H Wood. Sworn March 28th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
John McClellan Sworn March 16th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
O B Wingate Sworn March 15th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose. Frederick. Waterman. J B Adams and J H Allen. Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year—
Frederick Waterman declined Serving as Overseer of the Poor— Then by Ballot chose Luke F Allen Overseer in plac of F Waterman declined
By Ballot, Chose Rufus E Warren Treasurer for the ensuing Year who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk. March 7th 1859—

By Ballot chose Rev. O. Crane. to Serve three Years and Rev Wm G Scandlin. to Serve two Years as General School Committee—

By Ballot. chose J D Wheeler Trustee of Riverside Cemetery—
By Ballot chose. for Constables for the Year ensuing
J B. Sibley who was Sworn March 7th 1859 By J W White Town Clerk
W. D Wheeler. . . Sworn March 7th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
Geo W Crombie
H B Fairbanks Sworn March 15th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
David Chase Sworn March 12th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
W. Forehand Sworn March 11th 1859 by James W White Town Clerk
Geo W Harrington

Voted to choose Thirteen Highway Surveyers for the Year Ensuing by nomination—chose
Samuel Hall. Sworn March 10th 1859 By J W White Town Clerk
Lawson Munyan Sworn March 23 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
Daniel Whitney Sworn April 4th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk
Elijah Stow. Sworn March 10th 1859 by J W White Town Clerk

F H Merriam declined (& Joseph Merriam Jr chosen)
Albert Bradish, Sworn March 18th 1859 by James W White T Clk
Rodney Leland, Sworn March 22d 1859 by J White Town Clerk
Joseph Batchelor, declined, Orlando Whitney chosen
E H Bigelow Sworn April 4th 1859. By J W White T Clk
Jefferson Bellows Sworn April 4th 1859 By " Town Clerk
Lewis Holbrook Sworn April 4th 1859 By " Town Clerk
Jona P Stow Sworn March 12th 1859 by J White Town Clerk
Robert Mowry, Sworn March 16th 1859 by J White Town Clerk

Highway Surveyors for the Year ensuing.

Voted to make the Highway Surveyors Collectors of Highway Taxes the Year ensuing

On Motion Voted to instruct the Highway Surveyors to notify according to Law all persons against whom they may have a Highway Tax.

On Motion Voted. to Authorize the Selectmen to Appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark - Sealer of Weights and Measures. Sealers of Leather Surveyors of Lumber - and a Pound Keeper -

Voted to choose five Field drivers for the Year ensuing - Voted to choose them by nomination -
By nomination chose Joseph W Leland
Joseph W Leland
E B Bigelow
Daniel Whitney
H B Fairbanks
H. S. Warren
Field drivers for the Year ensuing -

Took up the 3 Article in the Warrant which is "To hear the Report of the Selectmen and and act thereon - The Report of the Selectmen having been Printed and distributed among the Voters. The Town Clerk at the

request of the Chairman of the Board stated to the Town that the printed Report contained a few Typographical Errors and corrected them out from a corrected Copy - whereupon it was Voted to accept the Report as Printed and corrected. which was as follows

Selectmen's Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official Duties for the year ending March 9th 1859 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town viz

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct and as follows -

1858			Dr.	
March	6	Amount of Cash Rec'd from former Treasurer	261	36
"	"	Rec'd on Selectmens Note	1000	00
"	"	" of State Treasurer	3000	00
April	3	" on Selectmens Note	400	00
"	14	" of Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	50	00
"	"	" of Selectmen for License. 1857	5	00
May	3	" on Selectmens Note 4 Mos	1000	00
June	1	" on Selectmens Note	500	00
"	25	" of Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	213	70
July	5	" on Selectmens Note.	1200	00
"	17	" of State Treasurer. School Fund	191	65
August	3	" of Selectmen for License	15	75
September	4	" of A Slocomb, Collector for 1858	4363	48
"	24	" of School Committee 10 per cent School fund	19	16
October	15	" of A Slocomb Collector	116	11
"	27	" on Selectmens Note	1000	00
Nov	10	" of A Slocomb Collector	79	00
Dec.	2	" Interest on E Singletary's Note	60	00
"	3	" of Geo F Slocomb, Collector for 1857	518	00
"	11	" for State Paupers	34	30

Dec	14	Rec'd of A Slocomb Collector for 1858	896	00
"	"	" " " "	14	00
1857 Jany	6	" " " "	1100	00
"	12	" of J B White on Act of David White	150	00
Feb.	9	" A Slocomb Collector for 1858	2343	00
"	10	" " " "	714	12
"	18	" " " "	700	00
March	1	" " "	336	94
"	"	" of J B White on Act of David White	105	64
"	"	" A Slocomb Collector for 1858	1554	47
"	"	" Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	57	21
		Whole Amt of Receipts	22198	89
1858				
"		Cr		
March	15	By Paying Treasurers Note	3000	00
"	"	" Interest on the Same	90	00
Sept	4	" Selectmens Note	1000	00
"	6	" " " "	1000	00
"	8	" " " "	1200	00
Oct	4	" " " "	300	00
1859 Jan.	6	" " " "	1000	00
"	"	" Interest on Selectmens Notes	85	52
"	"	" State Tax for 1858	896	00
		" " County Tax for 1858	2142	64
		" " for Common Schools with extra assmt	3435	71
		" for High Schools	904	40
		" " General School Committee for 1857 & 8	127	00
		" " Common School Books	40	11
		" " High School Books	4	50
		" Josiah Hall. Sexton for 1857 & 8	9	75
		" Saml. Hall Sexton	52	75
		" C. B Jencks Sexton	19	25
		" State Lunatic Hospital on Act of David White	156	91
		" " " " " Susan L Wheelock	157	44
		" " " " Lucy Byron	30	86
		" " " Sylva W Smith	189	57
		" H S Warren Chief Engineer	880	00

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By. Paying Geo F Slocomb for Towns Safe		30	08
" " Overseers of the Poor		1087	50
" for Special Repairs on Highways		321	00
" Alden Rice Damage		300	00
" " Cost in Said Suit		59	00
" " Apesors Services for 1858		127	28
" " Selectmens Services 1857-8		129	00
" " W D Wheeler for notifying Town Offices		10	00
" " H J Howland for Printing Reports		23	00
" " for Fixtures in Clerks Office		15	75
" " James M White for Recording Marriages- Births - Deaths - & Copying Records &c		119	18
" for Mowing Burying grounds		6	00
" J B Sibley for posting Warrants &c.		13	75
" H Batchelor repairs & Guideboards.		4	00
" S A Forbush. Repairs on Bridge		3	00
" J H Whitney. Foundation for Engine House		24	00
" " Apesors Orders-		57	53
" G W Hastings. care of Town Hall		3	94
" " " Wood for Same		6	00
" Geo F Slocomb for collecting Taxes 1857.		37	95
" Uriah Searle for Ringing Bell		15	00
" J Warren Armory Rent		25	00
" " " "		37	50
" J Warren Office Rent		40	00
" Apesors Orders for abatement.		13	58
" H B Fairbanks for Killing Dogs		1	50
" A Slocomb for Collecting Taxes.	1858	7	81
" Discount on Taxes		389	58
" Selectmens Note		400	00
" Interest on Same		22	00
Whole Amount Paid		2,588	34
Balance in hands of Treasurer		1610	55

Resources of the Town -

Amount in the hands of Treasurer		1610	55
" " H D P Bigelow Collector for	1854	221	28
" " Geo F Slocomb "	1855	38	64
" " " " "	1856	98	74
" " " " "	1857	844	27
" " A Slocomb "	1858	118	21
E. Singletery's Note		1000	00
Town Farm and buildings thereon		6000	00
Personal Property on Farm		2533	41
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		3414	00
Two Engine Houses		1333	00
Towns Safe and Office Fixtures		340	00
Balance in hands of Liquor Agent		199	27
Due from Trustee of Lucy Byron		30	86
		17,807	23

Liabilities of the Town

Treasurers Note due State Treasurer March 15th 1859	3000	00
6 months Interest on Same	90	00
Amount of Liabilities	3090	00
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	14717	23

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Rodney Leland
George F Slocomb
Horace Batchelor
S E Goulding
S A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 4th Art. in the Warrant, which is to hear the Report of the Town Treasurer thereon

The Treasurers Report having been printed and distributed, contained two typographical errors which were pointed out by the Town Clerk whereupon it was voted to accept the

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Report of the Treasurer as printed and corrected which was as follows. viz

Town of Grafton in Acct with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town —

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May	3	" " on Selectmens Note 4 Months	1000	00
June	1	" " " " "	500	00
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"	24	" " School Committee 10 per cent School fund	19	16
October	15	" " A Slocomb Collector	116	11
"	27	" " Selectmens Note dated Oct 8th 3 months	1000	00
Nov	10	" " A Slocomb Collector	79	00
Dec	2	" " on E Singletary's Note	60	00
"	3	" " of Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	518	00
"	11	" " for State Paupers	34	30
"	14	" " of A Slocomb Collector	896	00
"	"	" " "	14	00
1859 Jany	6	" " of A Slocomb Collector	1100	00
"	12	" " of John B White on Acct of David White	150	00
Feb	9	" " " A Slocomb Collector	2543	00
"	10	" " " " "	714	12
"	18	" " " " "	700	00
March	1	" " " " "	336	94
"	"	" " John B White on Acct of David White	105	64
"	"	" " A Slocomb Collector for 1858	1554	47
"	"	" " Geo F Slocomb Collector for 1857	57	21
		Whole Amt of Receipts	22,198	89

Dr Town of Grafton in Acct with Rufus E Warren
Treasurer —

1858					
March	3	Paid Selectmens Order No	1	Geo F Slocomb	129 00
"	"	" "	2	Henry G Prentice	78 89
"	"	" "	3	Geo F Slocomb	37 95
"	"	" "	4	A J Cook	295 08
"	4	" "	5	Henry Wesson	64 43
"	"	" "	6	H J Howland	23 00
"	11	" "	7	G W Hastings	3 94
"	16	" Town Treasurers Note			300 00
"	17	" Selectmens Order No	8	Geo C Harlow	92 59
"	"	" "	9	Wm F Wheeler	192 50
"	"	" "	10	Wm F Wheeler	18 00
"	27	" "	11	E R Thompson	350 00
"	29	" "	12	State Lunatic Hospital	102 33
April	3	" "	13	F McIntire	9 96
"	21	" "	14	Josiah Leard	15 00
"	23	" "	15	Josiah Hall	9 75
"	29	" "	16	J W White	15 75
May	3	Paid Interest on Selectmens Note			20 50
"	5	" Selectmens Order No	17	Jon[a] Warren	25 00
"	7	" "	18	H S Warren	780 00
"	"	" "	19	F McIntire	23 00
"	13	" "	20	State Lunatic Hospital	109 04
"	"	" "	21	Luke F Allen	300 00
"	18	" "	22	D B Hubbard	25 00
"	29	" "	23	Samuel Hall	23 00
June	1	Paid Interest on Selectmens Note			10 25
"	10	" Selectmens Order No	24	F Waterman	100 00
"	"	" "	25	Geo F Slocomb	304 08
"	15	" "	26	Silas E Stow	4 00
"	24	" "	27	J S Sweeney	32 00
"	25	" "	28	Joshua Congdon	275 00
July	1	" "	29	J C Flagg	42 00
"	2	" "	30	E B Knowlton	68 00
"	3	" "	31	D B Hubbard	125 00
"	"	" "	32	Wm R Wheelock	38 00
"	3	" "	33	F H Merriam	50 00

1858 July	5	Paid Interest on Selectmens Note	12 60
"	8	" Selectmens Order No 34 John D Chollar	85 00
"	9	" " " 35 Geo F Slocomb	108 42
"	10	" " " 36. Thos Bryant	65 00
"	"	" " " " 37. E P Dennis	50 00
"	17	" " " 38. J B Sibley	67 00
"	"	" " " " 39 F McIntire	80 00
"	24	" " " 40 G W Crombie	132 00
"	"	" " " 41. Wm F Wheeler	25 00
"	27	" " " 42 J F C Wood	65 28
"	"	" " " " 43 E N Foote	169 00
"	30	" " " " 44 H Chamberlain	40 00
"	"	" " " " 45 S A Forbush	60 00
August	2	" " " " 46. Samuel Hall	14 00
"	"	" Apesons Order L Bakers Estate	18 20
"	"	" " " Mary A Keith	14 00
"	4	" Selectmens Order No 47 to Joseph Kimball	35 00
"	5	" " " 48. W D Wheeler	10 00
"	"	" " " " 49. F McIntire	11 10
"	6	" " " 50 C S Bullen	60 00
"	7	" " " 51 F Waterman	100 00
"	30	" " " 52 Charles Bryant	17 00
Sept	4	" Interest on Selectmens Note	29 67
"	"	" Selectmens Note	1000 00
"	6	" " "	1000 00
"	7	" " Order No 53. D B Hubbard	50 00
"	8	" " Note	1200 00
"	20	" " Order No 54 E P Dennis	10 00
"	15	" Interest on Note to State Treasurer	90 00
"	24	" Selectmens Order No 55. J Cosgrove	6 00
October	1	" " " 56 F McIntire	7 00
"	2	" " " 57 L H Bigelow	40 00
"	"	" " " 58 Wm Hersey	25 00
"	4	" " " 59 Rodney Leland	7 00
"	"	" " " 60 John Sweeney	24 00
"	"	" Selectmens Note	500 00

1858 Oct	5	Paid Selectmens Order No 61.	State Lunatic Hospl.	111	17
"	6	" " "	62. J W White	32	12
"	7	" " "	63 J B Adams	138	00
"	14	" " "	64 D B Hubbard	25	00
"	16	" " "	65. Charles Brigham	20	00
"	"	" " "	66. G W Hastings	6	00
"	21	" " "	67 J B Adams	49	50
"	"	" " "	68 E B Knowlton	44	00
"	"	" " "	69. Geo W Crombs Jr	88	00
"	27	" " "	70. F. Waterman	100	00
"	"	" Interest on Selectmens Note.		12	25
"	30.	" Selectmens Order No	71. Wm A Fiske	20	00
Nov	1	" " "	72 Thomas Bryant	45	00
"	3	" " "	73 F Waterman	200	00
"	5	" " "	74 J Congdon	224	50
"	20	" " "	75 D B Hubbard	88	56
"	"	" " "	76. John D Chollar	90	00
"	"	" " "	77. L W Dodge	23	48
"	"	" " "	78 E N Foote	240	00
Dec	1	" " "	79 J Congdon	43	50
"	4	" " "	80. J P Crosby	20	00
"	6	" " "	81 Samuel Hall	15	75
"	"	" " "	82 G C Taft.	24	00
"	"	" Assessors Order No	Joseph Boyd	1	56
"	11	" State Tax		896	00
"	13	" Selectmens Order No	83 F McIntire	9	43
"	20	" " "	84 J H Whitney	24	00
"	25	" " "	85 D B Hubbard	50	00
1859 Jany	1	" Assessors Order.	N G Whitney	6	27
"	3	" Selectmens Order No	86 Thomas Bryant	31	96
"	6	" "	Note	1000	00
"	7	" "	Order No 87. L W Dodge	89	00
"	8	" Assessors Order	Sally Adams	17	50
"	26	" Selectmens Order No	88. C B Juncks	19	25
Feb	4	" " "	89 S A Forbush	105	82
"	8	" " "	90 A Slocomb	14	12
"	9	" County Tax for	1858	2142	64

1859 Feb	11	Paid Selectmens Order	№91	H. S. Warren	100 00
"	"	"	92	C S Bullen	138 89
"	12	"	93	D B Hubbard	100 00
"	12	"	94	J B Sibley	71 50
"	15	"	95	J C Flagg	96 50
"	17	"	96	E N Foote	119 45
"	"	"	97	J Longdon	263 67
"	24	"	98	J S Sweeney	82 50
"	28	"	99	F Wasuman	50 00
March	1	"	100	J W White	87 06
"	"	"	101	H Batchelor	4 00
"	"	"	102	J B Sibley	13 75
"	"	"	103	S A Forbush	3 00
"	"	"	104	J B White	7 44
"	"	"	105	Luke F Allen	59 00
"	"	"	Note		400 00
"	"	Interest on Same.			22 00
"	"	Selectmens Order	№106	H B Fairbanks	1 50
"	"	"	107	G W Crombie	246 25
"	"	"	108	E B Knowlton	83 42
"	"	"	109	Jonathan Warren	77 50
"	"	"	110	A Slocomb	39 39
"	"	Paid Assessors Order to		J Flagg	1 64
		"		Benson H Buxton	1 64
				James Blair	1 64
				Lewis Champain	1 64
				Emory Chamberlain	1 64
				Frank Conley	1 64
				Zebidee Dusoe	1 64
				Jacob Foster	1 64
				James Finigan	1 64
				Peter Gregory	1 64
				R C Goodnow	1 64
				Daniel Hammond	1 64
				E O Hodge	1 64
				A W Kempton	1 64
				Dennis Leynch	1 64

1859 March 1	Paid Assessors Order to	Patrick Lynch	1 64
" " "		Vernon Lee	1 64
" " "		J Lassell	1 64
" " "		Thomas Maxwell	1 64
" " "		L M McCrillis	1 64
" " "		Josiah Norcross	1 64
" " "		T O Kenan	1 64
" " "		H K Putnam	1 64
" " "		Barnard Riley	1 64
" " "		John Sullivan	1 64
" " "		Hugh Sullivan	1 64
" " "		John Trip	1 64
" " "		Geo Ware	1 64
" " "		Nathan Wade Jr	1 64
" " "		C W Wingate	1 64
" " "		S H Allen	6 95
" " "		Charles L Goodwin	07
" " "		James Kelly	21
" " "		Abigail Brown	14 00
" " "		Michael McGowan	3 15

Amount of Receipts $22,198 89

Amount paid Out 20588 34

Balance in Treasury. cash in hand $1610 55

Amount now Subject to draft.

For High School 1045 7

For Common Schools 495 27

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 1st 1859

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor. as Printed which is as follows. Viz

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the Inhabitants of said Town their annual Report of the condition of their Pauper Establishment for the Year Ending March 1st A D 1859 as follows

Expenses On Farm for Stock, boarding Clothing

Medical Attendance &c.		$868.90
Interest On Real Estate		360.00
Agents Salary		300.00
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary		282,36
Labor in the House		15.00
Services of Overseers		60.00
Total Expenses.		$1,886,26
Amt of Produce Sold	$920.77	
Balance of Inventory above last Year	3980	$960.57
Leaving a Balance for Supporting Paupers on Farm		$925.69

Whole Number Supported or Assisted on the Farm the last Year. - 219.

Whole Number of Weeks 392

Average Cost Per week $2,36

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the last Year -

Rufus A Johnson.	$104.00
Charles A Sherman	52,00
Deborah Warren	36.00
Sally Phillips	54 65
For Support and conveying Francis Pains Family to Alms House	$17.63
For Support of Aaron Stow	27.00
" Benson Buxtons Family	33.07

For Support of Rufus C Goodnow & family	$ 27,67
Funeral Expenses of Francis Arnold	5.20
" " Andrew Burbanks Child	2.20
Support and conveying Daniel Mooney to Monson	8.40
" " " Lewis Wood " "	5.33
" " " Peter Nolen " "	75
" " " Ellen Gately	2.15
" " " John Kelly and family	18,13
For Support of Wm Higginbottom and family	3.83
" " Mary O Kinley and family	5.85
" " Mary Kelly	9.29
" " Mathias Erisman	2.03
" " Willard Clapp and family	6,02
" " G L Hubbard " "	45,85
" " Lewis Metcway	2.72
" " Thos Collins	1.25
" " James Hanley	1.04
" " Jefferson Paine	2,00
Nursing and Medical attendance upon Geo Wright	6.25
Boarding John Paines Child	9.25
Support of Mrs Ann Batchelor	24 00
Total	$ 559,56

Due from Town of Holden	$ 45,85	
Refunded from Town of Auxbridge	33,07	
" " " Shrewsbury	23,67	
" " " Hopkinton	6,02	
" " " Townsend	4,00	$ 112,61
Balance for Supporting Paupers & farm the past Year		$ 446.95
Total Expense of Supporting Paupers past Year		$ 1372.64

We are unwilling to close this Report, without noticing the Questions that we anticipate may be Asked. Why the Expense of the Paupers is so large? So much greater than in many Towns

and if they cannot be supported at less
Expense than by the present mode —
We would say in Reply that they are but five
inmates at Our Farm. They are all Old and
infirm and can perform but little Labor.
The cost of Agents Salary. Repairing buildings
and interest upon the Establishment is the Same
as if there were three times this number. as there
are in many neighboring Towns,
And while the cost per Person is greater. the whole
Expense of Supporting Our paupers is much
less than in most Towns of like population.

The Agent has the past Year (at much Extra
expense) plowed and Sowed with rye Nine Acres
of bushy pasture. which has considerably increas
ed the cost of Supporting the paupers this Year -
but will probably reduce the Expenses next Year.
We would recommend to the Town to continue
to Subdue and improve their bushy. waste
land. believeing that a Judicious Outlay for
Labor fertilizers good implements and improved
Stock is the wisest Policy and in the end the best
Economy. — We think it should not be
the desire of any Town to support their poor in the
cheapest manner. but that it is the duty of every
Town to provide for their unfortunate poor a
comfortable home. where they will be kindly
treated and their necessary wants provided for
The present comfort and apparent contentment
of the poor at the Town Farm affords us much
Satisfaction. and reflects alike credit to
the Agent and honor to the Town —

In this connection we would Sug-
gest the propriety of the Clergymen of the
various denominations visiting by turns
the inmates of the Farm (at least Once
per months) and though the effort may

cost Some Sacrifise. But if they go in the Spirit of the Great Teacher. their labor will not be unsuccessfull or go unrewarded-

All of which is respectfully Submited-

Frederick Waterman
Ezra K Pratt
Joseph B Adams
} Overseers of the Poor

Graston March 1st 1859

A True Copy

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James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant, and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes as Pointed and distributed and which is as follows Viz

Collectors Report--

Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Graston to Augustus Slocomb Collector for 1858. as follows-

1858 June 5th	Town Grant		$ 9000.00
"	State Tax		896.00
"	County Tax		2142.64
"	Overlayings		472.57
	deficiency in highway for 1857		11.00
			$ 12.522.21

8 Poll Taxes assessed Since List committed and in collectors hands $13,12

1858 Sept 4th	To Cash Paid Treasurer		$4363.48
" Oct 15th	" " "		116 11
" Nov 10th	" " "		99.00
" Dec 14th	" " "		910 00
1859 Jany 6th	" " "		1100 00
" " 31st	" " "		2543.00
" Feb 10th	" " "		714 12
" " 18	" " "		700 00

1859 March 1st To cash paid Treasurer		336.96
" " " " "		1354.47
		1241 12
Balance uncollected		$105,09

Amount of Taxes uncollected against the following Persons—

Samuel C Alden	1	64
Otis Brown	1	64
Peter Boyle	1	64
Richard Burnes	1	64
John Barto	1	64
John Christian	1	64
John Davis	1	64
Patrick Donovan	1	64
Peter Dunn	1	64
William Emlay	1	64
Patrick Galigh	1	64
William Elgginbottom	1	64
Dennis Hurley	1	64
C F Hamilton	1	64
Daniel Mc Dougal	1	64
C F Proctor	1	64
Minot Phillips	1	64
J Mc Pickford	1	64
Julian Sawen	1	64
Charles S Taft	1	64
C A Wesson	1	64
A G Woodward	1	64
Thomas J Baker	3	74
Thomas Bryant	2	08
James Cobine	2	98
Thomas Fitzpatrick	7	19
Benjamin Kingsbury	23	10
Augustus Salisbury	1	33
John A Sherman by his Guardian	2	10
S C & A G Woodward	2	24
G. H. Newton		70

	Widow Rawson	1 40
	Lyke B Witherby	70
	Samˡ Bimblecom	21 45
		105 09

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
A Slocomb Collector

Grafton March 1st 1859.

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Whole Amount of Dog Tax committed for Collection was 195 00
Amount Collected 72 00
Leaving Amount uncollected 123 00
Against the following persons as follows

J L Adams	1 00
Otis Adams	1 00
Charles Bowley	1 00
Alexander Barret	1 00
Frank Burnes.	5 00
Widow Bassett	2 00
Hollis Chamberlain	1 00
Geo W Cromb Jr	1 00
Wilcom B Cook	1 00
Geo G Carpenter	1 00
M Crisman	1 00
Frank Baldwin	1 00
Elliot Barber	1 00
E B Brookes	1 00
R W Flagg	1 00
H Fiske	1 00
H B Fairbanks	1 00
Francis Farrell	1 00
David Fisher	5 00
Patrick Gavin	5 00
H J Harrington	1 00
Robert Hutchinson	2 00

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Thomas L. Jacobs	1 00
Martin Jacobs	1 00
Michael Keefe	1 00
Joseph Kelly	1 00
J. C. Knowlton	1 00
Wm T. Leisure	1 00
J. R. Lounsbury	5 00
M. McMann	1 00
C. L. Mitchell	1 00
John Maley	2 00
Josiah Norcrop	1 00
Paul Parenie	1 00
Charles Prentice	1 00
J. W. Putnam	1 00
C. M. Pratt	1 00
Joseph Pinkham	1 00
Nathl. Rimick	1 00
Benj. Robinson	1 00
A. F. Smith	1 00
Edwin Smith	1 00
A. M. Stow	1 00
Joel Taft	1 00
J. F. Thorndike	1 00
Daniel Wheelock	1 00
Benjn. Watson	1 00
Leonard Wheelock	1 00
Cyrus Ferry	1 00
A. W. Kumpton	1 00
Stephen N. Lougee	1 00
Clovis Liberty	5 00
Albert Manville	5 00
Obediah Redding	1 00
Wright & Morse	1 00
Saml. White	1 00
Joseph Batchelor	1 00
Thomas Bryant	1 00
Geo W. Drury	1 00

Geo M Dunn	2 00
Thomas Fitzpatrick	1 00
A Carpes	1 00
James Hughes	1 00
Mrs H C Jenner	10 00
George Madigan	1 00
Patrick Mc Henry	1 00
A S Phillips	5 00
Geo W Phillips	5 00
William Prentice	1 00
John Roche	1 00
Patrick Smith	2 00
William Sibley	1 00
Calvin Wilson	1 00
Joshua Robinson	1 00
Samuel E Alden	1 00
L E Bond	1 00
Leander Caswell	1 00
Israel Stockwell	1 00

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 1st 1857 — A Slocomb Collector

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk -

On Motion it was voted to instruct the Collector to collect Every Dog Tax on his Tax Book now uncollected -

There being no article in the Warrant to Accept the Report of the Chief Engineer and Liquor Agent it was on Motion Voted to Accept them as printed with the Reports of the other Town Officers - and as follows - viz

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Horace S Warren Chief Engineer. for Expenditures of the Fire department for the year ending March 1st 1859.

Dr.

Engine Co No 1 Rescue

Paid for Repairs	$2,00	
" Oil	4,00	
" Services of 46 Men for year ending May 1st 1858 @ $5,00	230 00	
" Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 year	10,00	
Keeping water out of Engine House 7 00		$253,00

Engine Co No 2 Empire.

Paid for Repairs	$1,50	
" " Oil, Fluid &c.	1566	
" " 2 Tin Cans	250	
" " 2 Lanterns	200	
" " 2 Pails	50	
" Services of 45 Men for year ending May 1st 1858. @ $5,00	225.00	
" Care of Engine & Apparatus 1 year	10 00	$257,56

Engine Co No 3 – Blackstone

Paid for Repairs	$24,17	
" " Oil & Wood	11,57	
" " Fixtures in Engine House	6,80	
" Services of 39 Men for year ending May 1st 1858. @ $5,00	195.00	
Care of Engine & Apparatus 1 year	10 00	$247,54
" Sundry Bills due previous to May 1st 1858	$17,00	
" " Engineers Badges	113	$1813
Whole Amount Paid		836.23

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Cr By Cash Recieved of Town Engineers $10,58
" " " of Town Treasurer 880,00
Whole Amount Recieved $890.58
Leaving a Balance on hand $ 54,35
All of which is Respectfully Submitted
H S Warren Chief Engineer

Grafton March 1st 1859.
A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Report of D B Wingate
Liquor Agent for the Town of Grafton to Feb 19th 1859.
Dr. Cash Account.

To cash in Agents hands per last Report		$27.90	
Feb 19 " " Recieved from Sales of Liquors to date		300.70	
" " Casks	350		$332,10

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Feb 19. By Cash paid for Liquors		$223,28	
" " " " Freight		4,67	
" " " " Commision and analyzing		8,25	
" " " " Casks		4 30	
" " " Agents Salary to date		50,00	
" " " in Agents Hands		41,60	$332,10
In Agents hands Feb 19th 1859			
Cash in hand		41,60	
Liquors on hand at Cost		149,02	
Casks on hand		4 65	
Measures and Faucets		4,00	
Total			$199.27
From this take amount on hand per last Report		$27.90	
" Liquors		153,97	
Casks Measures and Faucets	5,60		$187,47
Leaves a net profit over all Expenses of			$ 1180

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted
D B Wingate Agent

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Voted to leap over the Seventh Article in the Warrant for the present --

Voted to leap over the Eighth Article in the Warrant for the present --

Voted to leap over the Ninth Article in the Warrant for the present -

Took up the tenth article in the Warrant which is "to determine the manner of Repairing the Highways &c. the ensuing year" - and on Motion Voted to repair them in the same manner as last year --

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant which is "to raise money to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same" - and on Motion Voted to Raise Ten Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year -

Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand dollars for the Support of Common Schools the ensuing year, to be divided among the Several School Districts, according to the same percentage that the Appropriation for Common Schools was divided last year. which was as follows -
To District No 1 - 22½ per cent District No 2. - 5⅛ p.ct
District No 3 - 5¼ per cent District No 4. - 5⅜ per cent
District No 5. - 5 per cent District No 6. 12½ per cent
District No 7. - 5 per cent District No 8 5 per cent
District No 9 - 19½ per cent District No 10 9½ per cent
District No 11 - 5¼ per. Cent -

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the Support of a High School the ensuing year -

12 Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant and Voted that all Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes within Sixty days from the time they are committed to the Collector Shall receive a discount of five percent on the same. — That all Poll Taxes. and all Dog Taxes. Shall be payable on demand. — That all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January next. That the Collector Shall pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected. Once in ten days. commensing at the time the Taxes are committed to him for collection —

Voted to Set up the collecting of Taxes at Auction to the lowest bider. the Person who will collect them for the least. to be Collector. They were accordingly Set up at Auction. Jonathan B Sibley. offered to Collect them for Two Sixteenths of One percent. — no One offering to collect them for Less than that. they were Struck Off at 2/16 of One percent to Jonathan B Sibley —

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot chose. Jonathan B Sibley Collector of Taxes. for the year ensuing —

13 Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant and Voted to allow the Sextons the Same as last year for burying the Dead which was.
"For diging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death. and tolling the Bell at the funeral and Attending the funeral with his Horse and the Town's Hearse. One dollar and Seventy five cents — Also the friends of the deceased to pay One Dollar — —

Took up the fourteenth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorize the Several Prudential Committees to employ the School Teachers in their respective School Districts. the ensuing Year.-

Took up the 13th Article in the Warrant. and Voted to reconsider the Vote just passed on this Article in relation to the compensation of the Sextons for Burying the Dead. and on Motion Voted that the Town pay the Sextons Two Dollars and fifty cents in full for all Services as Sextons. as required by the former Vote.-

Took up the fifteenth Article in the Warrant and Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to cause one of the Church Bells. to be Rung at 12 Oclock. M. and 9 Oclock P.M. the ensuing Year

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion [illegible] Submitted in Writing and Signed by L. M. Sargent Foreman of Engine Co No 2. and Geo W Coomb Jr. Foreman of Engine Co. No 3 Voted "That the number of men for Each Engine Company be Limited at 45 men. That they Receive $5.00 a Year. and that Each member Receive pay in proportion to the time that he shall run with the Company that is. for three months 1/4. for 6 months 1/2 of the Years pay"

Took up the 20th Article in the Warrant which is to hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon.-

The Committee Chosen by the Town on the Second day of November 1858. to take into consideration the contemplated alteration

in their Town Hall by the purchase of the Lower Story of the Congregational Society's Meeting House Submitted a Drawing or Plan of the aforesaid contumplated alteration. together with the follow=ing Report-.

Grafton March 7th 1859-

To the Town of Grafton-

Your Committee appointed the Second day of Nov. 1858. To See if the Town will make any Alterations in their Town Hall by the purchase of the Lower Story of the Congregational Societys Meeting House. have attended to that duty and Report as follows- That Your Committee met the Committee of Said Society on the Eleventh day of February and recieved from them a Proposal of Said Society to Wit, - That they will Sell Said Town the room under their Church now occupied by Said Society. together with an undivi=ded third of the Land owned by Said Society for the purpose of a Town House and to be used as Such Said Land to be used in common with Said Society for a public passway Excepting the front as inclosed. and Shed ground and rights of Individuals to the Same. for the Sum of two thousand Dollars. Said Society to have the right to make repairs. Such as Painting and Shingle=ing. and the Town Shall pay One third of the Expense thus Incurred- Provided also. if the building Should be destroyed by fire or Otherwise. Said Town Shall have the right to build up again- But if Said Town refuse So to build- Said Society may have the Lot appraised. by three disinterested persons nonresidents of Said Town. and pay one third of the appraised Value and take the Lot. also if Said Society refuse to build. Said Town may procede in like manner and pay Said Society two thirds of the appraised Value and the Lot.

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If both parties refuse to build then the lot shall be appraised as above and Sold. the Society to recieve two thirds and the Town one third of the proceeds of Such Sale -

And Your Committee have employed an Architect to Examine Said building and make a plan of fitting up and finishing the Same for the purpose of a Town Hall. and an Estimate of the expense - And we herewith Submit a plan and estimate of the expense as made by Said Architect -

Estimate of Cost of Altering and Enlarging Town House for the Town of Grafton. by Boyden & Ball Arch^t. & Civil Engineers Worcester Mass

Design No 2

Excavation	$25,00
Stone work	200,00
Brick work	750
28 Squares of Floors. a 10.00	280,00
14 Windows Complete . 33.00 ea.	462,00
Portico	300.00
8 Iron Colums Set complete a 15,00	120 00
617. Yards of Furring Lath & Plastering at 37½ cts including furring	231,00
Painting Say	300 00
Desk	75,00
720 feet of Settees	360,00
Contingencies	200,00
Lowering down floor	50,00
Amount	$2,678,00

To this for design No 1 will have to be added for Sheathing up between windows and cornice between window Cap's. to wit -

2½ Squares of Sheathing between windows on one Side of the House only.	a 12,00.	60:00
2. feet. Cornice do -	a 0,50	1 00

Design No 2. 2678.00
Total Design No 1 $ 2752,00
and this for Blocking up Only the front. If
all sides are blocked and cornice carried around
as per Design No 1 then this difference will have
to be about Rebbled- $2901.00

Your Committee also Report that they have
Recieved another proposition from said Society
as follows - that they will Sell and convey the
Real Estate above Refered to. for the purposes
and with the Restrictions and privileges above
described. together with the lower room in their
Meeting House to the Town. and finish it
in connection with the present Town Hall
into a Town House according to the plan
made by the Architect with the Exception of
the Furniture of the Hall and warming the
same. And will build a Desk for the Sum of
thirty five hundred dollars. - Said Society
to have the privilege of running their Chimney
down to the Ground and the Town to have
the use of the Society's Bell for Town Meetings
All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Esek Saunders
J W Slocomb
Charles Goddard
Lewis Holbrook
} Committee

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to accept the Report of
of the Committee

Took up the twenty third article in the Warrant
and on Motion voted to postpone the article -

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and Voted to Raise Fifteen Hundred dollars Labor Tax to be Expended upon the Highways the ensuing Year--

Took up the twentieth Article in the Warrant A Motion was made to Recommit the Report of the Committee chosen to take into consideration the contemplated alteration in the Town Hall by purchasing the lower Story of the Congregational Society's Meeting House- The Vote upon the above Motion was declared in the negative - or not to Recommit-

Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant-

The Selectmen presented a List of Names to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year ensuing which was accepted as follows - viz

Seth J Axtell	Hiram Fernald	Barnabas Newton
Jonas H Allen	Winthrop Faulkner	Jasper S Nelson
Cyrus D Aldrich	Nelson Ferry	John Putnam Jr
Charles Brigham	Erastus Fisher	James G Putnam
Horace Batchelor	Charles Goddard	Sam[d] W Putnam
Horace P Brown	Lewis Holbrook	Sam[d] F Redding
A M Bigelow	Nathan Hancock	Leander Stockwell
Hillel Baker	Austin Holbrook	Silas C Stow
Wm S Bruce	John P Hayden	Augustus Slocomb
E B Bigelow	Levi C Haywood	Geo F Slocomb
Hollis Chamberlain	James M Kimball	Cyrus W Stratton
J Dadmun	Royal A Keith	J W Slocomb
John C Davis	Levi N Leland	Calvin S Thurston
Geo M Dunn	Rodney Leland	Silas Vinton
John M Davenport	Joseph W Leland	Moses C Woodbury
Lorin Davis	Stephen N Longee	Francis Wimm
Lummer Dunsmore	Noah K Merriam	Henry Wesson
Samuel B Dolliver	John McClellan	John Whitney
Samuel C Flagg	Benj K Moulton	Rufus C Warren

Stephen R White, Lovel White, Orlando Whitney
Willis Works. John Waterman W D Wheeler
D B Wingate J H Wood J B White
Joseph Whitney Frederick Waterman H S Warren =

Took up the 18th Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Establish the High School in the centre of the Town the ensuing Year—

Took up the 19th Article in the Warrant and Voted to abate the Tax now Standing against Benedict A Green—

Took up the 22d. article in the Warrant and Voted to Suspend the Law Relating to catching Pickerel or Trout. Refered to in said Article—

Took up the 21st article in the Warrant and Voted to refer Town Debts to Selectmen. and if found correct to be paid—

Took up the 3 article in the Warrant.
The Selectmen read their Report on the places where Guide Boards are Established and maintained which was accepted as follows Viz—

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask leave to present their Report of all the places at which Guideboards are erected and maintained within said Town of Grafton as follows—
At the corner of the Roads near Warren Block
" " " " the House of J D Wheeler
" " " " " " of S H Allen
" " " " " " William Wallace
" " " " the Barn of Sam'l H Allen
" " Northerly of the Slaughter House of F Waterman & Co
" " near the Indian Burying ground

At the corner of the Roads near the School House in Farnums ville
" " " near the Store of Wright & Morse
" " " near the House of Jefferson Bellows
" " " " Farnumsville Depot
" " " " the House of Nelson Ferry
" " " " the House of Austin Holbrook
" " " " " " Haverlin T Eddy
" " " near Saunders Brick Store
" " " " " the House of John McClellan
" " " " " Known as the Bush Tavern
" " " " the House of Charles Daniels
" Each of the corners Northerly of the Burying Ground
" the corner " near the Quinsigamond House
" " " a little west of the last named place
" " " near the House of Charles T Fay -
" " " " Town Farm House -
" " " " Meeting House in New Eng. Bill
" " " " House of Jasper W Putnam
" " " Northerly of the House of James Houghton
" " " near Waterville School House
" " " House of Joseph Kimball
" Two places Between the two last named places
" the corner near the House of the late H. J Pratt
" " " " " " of Calvin Elisbee.
" " " " Barn of B F Fay.
" " " " House of Levi N Leland
" " " " West of the House of George Dunn
" " " near the House of Wm A Fiske
" " " " " " Jonathan Sibley
" " " " " " Joseph Bruce

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

R Leland
G F Slocomb.
S C Goulding
H Batchelor
L A Forbush
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy. Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on motion voted to allow 12½ cents per hour for labor of men and Oxen on the Highways — the price for the use of Tools left discretionary with the Highway Surveyors

Voted to Reconsider the vote whereby we Raised fifteen hundred Dollars Labor Tax to be Expended upon the Highways the ensuing Year—

Voted to Raise twelve Hundred Dollars labor Tax to be Expended upon the Highways the ensuing Year —

Voted to Appropriate Three Hundred dollars for Special Repairs upon the Highways the ensuing Year — the same as last Year —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next. being the fourth day of said Month at One Oclock P.M at the Town Hall —

A True Record —

James W White
Town Clerk

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